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Kinnock faces major snub from unions

Defeat looming over expulsion of EETPU

By Roland Rudd and Nicholas Wood

Some of the biggest trade unions are poised to deliver a humiliating snub to Mr Neil Kinnock on the first day of the Labour conference by supporting a move by the left to expel the electricians from the party.

With the backing of the Labour leader, the party hierarchy is making frantic efforts to head off a public clash which threatens to overshadow the October conference.

Mr Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary, has consulted lawyers on the legality of an expulsion, and will report back to key meetings of the National Executive Committee in September.

And Labour leaders have asked the conference arrangements committee to stifle a debate by not accepting the emergency resolution that the left plans to submit.

But it is becoming increasingly apparent that the attempt to block the left's onslaught on the 336,000-strong Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union is likely to fail.

Questions over the EETPU-Labour Party relationship will first surface at next month's Trade Union Congress in Bournemouth when the union will be expelled for refusing to withdraw from two single-union no-strike deals.

But the controversy will come to the boil at Blackpool when the left will seek to drive the electricians into the political wilderness.

The first signs that Mr Kinnock and his supporters are fighting a losing battle came yesterday when trade union leaders who support his leadership said they would have no alternative but to vote with the left.

Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said yesterday that since the electricians had "deliberately created a major split in the Labour movement" they are now "likely to see the repercussions in the wider political arena".

Only trade unions within the TUC or which are recognized by the TUC's general council as "bona fide" trade unions can affiliate to the Labour Party. Once outside the TUC, the left believes the party would be justified in splitting from the union.

Mr Tuffin, who is on the centre-right of the movement, said many trade union leaders who are not on the left will support a motion at the conference calling for the expulsion of the electricians.

The left-led Transport and General Workers Union, which wields a block vote of 1.25 million, and the National Union of Mineworkers, are also set to back the move, and are likely to be supported by the National Union of Public Employees.

One centrist trade union general secretary said yesterday: "It is going to be very difficult for Kinnock to handle this issue. Although I will suppport the TGWU and the left, it could leave us with more hard-left policies making us as electable as Genghis Khan."

Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union and a staunch supporter of the electricians, said that the party would be "unelectable" if it was seen to be at the bidding of the trade union movement.

"The public are already finding the trade union involvement in Labour's policy hard to take. If the trade union movement tells the Labour Party who its members should be we will lose credibility."

Mr Eddie Haigh, a close Kinnock ally on Labour's national executive, said that if the union is expelled from the TUC as expected there "will then be considerable pressure on the Labour Party to follow suit". As an assistant secretary of the transport union, Mr Haigh will be bound to vote to expel the union.

The left's favoured solution – instant dismissal of the EETPU from the Labour Party – would represent a crushing blow to Mr Kinnock who has privately indicated that he wants the EETPU to stay in the Labour fold.

The union has supported his policy review, which he wants to be the main theme of the week at Blackpool, and his leadership, now under threat by more than the hard left spearheaded by Mr Tony Benn and Mr Eric Heffer.

But even if the conference votes for the compromise solution of referring the whole matter to an NEC enquiry, the Monday morning debate will still be very damaging to Mr Kinnock.

Labour leaders are bound to spend the weeks of the TUC conference and the run-up to Blackpool lobbying hard for the matter to be set aside without a debate.

Relations between Britain's two biggest trade unions deteriorated yesterday when the transport workers were accused of attempting to sign a similar single-union deal with Coca-Cola to the one they are trying to prevent the engineers from putting into practice at the company's proposed plant in Wakefield.

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Saturday's weekly prize was shared by two winners (see page 3). The Portfolio Accumulator stands at £154,000, or there is the daily prize of £4,000 to be won.

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Unlimited curfew in Gaza Strip

The Israeli Army yesterday imposed an unlimited curfew on the Gaza Strip to restore calm after violent weekend clashes between Palestinian demonstrators and Israeli troops.

Palestinian sources said Israeli troops shot and wounded at least 19 Palestinians in West Bank and Gaza Strip clashes yesterday.

Racal backing

Racal's £2 billion flotation plan for Vodafone, its cellular telephone offshoot, is receiving overwhelming shareholder support..... Page 19

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Government promises urgent review of security







The death-trap car, top picture, the soldier victim, RSM Richard Heakin, above right, and his father and children

Soldiers press for new car plates

By Michael Evans, in London, Michael Dynes in Ostend and Ronald Faux in Belfast

The Government was under growing pressure yesterday from servicemen in West Germany to arrange for British number plates to be placed on their private cars because of increasing fears over their personal safety.

Yesterday Mr Archie Hamilton, the Minister of State for the Armed Forces, who is on duty while Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, is on holiday, promised that the matter was being looked at "urgently" following the murder by two IRA gunman of Warrant Officer (1st Class) Richard Heakin. He was shot while sitting in his car, identifiable by the distinctive British Forces Germany (BFG) registration number, on the way to catch the Ostend-Dover ferry on Friday evening.

Intelligence war 4

Yesterday Belgian police, hunting for the two IRA gunmen who fired five bullets into the soldier, who was from the 1st Battalion Royal Regiment of Wales, were preparing to issue two photofit pictures of the wanted terrorists, following descriptions provided by five witnesses.

The terrorists had been sitting on a bench at the side of the N10 dual carriageway, waiting for a BFG registered car. W/O Heakin was attacked as he was stopped at traffic lights, just three minutes' drive from the Ostend ferry.

Police in Ostend appealed to people who may have been in the area around the time of the killing, but had since travelled to Britain, to contact them as they could have useful information.

They said British service authorities had been co-operating closely supplying information on a number of terrorist suspects.

Mr Martin McGuinness, the vice-president Sinn Fein, the political wing of IRA, told an anti-internment rally in Belfast: "It is highly encouraging to the nationalists that the people now paying the price are ranking members of the British armed forces. It shows the ability of the IRA to bring about a final victory in Ireland.

"We saw the IRA battalions at work in Belgium as well as Holland and Germany. They speak for us. They speak with one voice.

Mr Hamilton said: "If we

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Iran in talks with Hezbollah on release of British hostages

From Robert Fisk, Beirut, and Nicholas Beeston, London

The Iranian Foreign Minister, Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, met a senior representative of the Lebanese Hezbollah movement in Damascus yesterday in an initiative that emphasized Tehran's determination to secure the freedom of the Western hostages – especially that of Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy.

Dr Velayati, on a 24-hour visit to the Syrian capital, is also believed to have delivered a letter to President Assad of Syria from Iran's President Khamenei about the fate of the captives.

There is considerable speculation that the Syrians may be more eager than ever to play a role in freeing Western hostages. The growing antipathy between Syria and Hezbollah may be connected with President Assad's desire to ensure that the US accepts a non-Phalangist and pro-Syrian president in Lebanon. Presidential elections are due to be held on Thursday.

The Iranian Foreign Minister met Sheikh Sohbi Toufalli, who headed a delegation from the pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement, which is suspected of holding most of the 17 missing Westerners in Lebanon.

The Hezbollah leader said the discussions dealt with important Lebanese questions, but did not elaborate. Dr Velayati also held talks with other Lebanese Shia Muslim leaders, including the Amal head, Mr Nabih Berri, and the vice-president of the higher Shia Council, Sheikh Mohammed Mehdi Shamseddin. The meeting is believed to be the first by an Iranian at ministerial level with a Hezbollah leader since Tehran agreed to a ceasefire in the Gulf War.

It came as the English language newspaper, *Tehran Times*, which reflects the mainstream beliefs of the Iranian regime, said Iran would "spare no effort to press ahead with the release of the British hostages, particularly Terry Waite, who is a British Christian clergyman". But the

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Pioneering scheme to finance NHS

Private bid to build hospital

By Charles Knevitt and Jill Sherman

A London borough is set to be the first health district to have a hospital financed, designed, built and equipped entirely by the private sector in a pioneering scheme that could revolutionize National Health Service hospital building programmes.

Turnkey Hospitals, a joint venture between the International Hospitals Group (IHG) and Alfred McAlpine Construction, have proposed an 850-bed hospital, including staff accommodation and additional facilities, at a cost of £83 million, in exchange for freehold land worth £52 million.

The balance of the cost of the hospital would be paid either by the regional or district health authority or funded by the developer on a short-term basis and then repaid out of the authority's revenue expenditure.

The idea was proposed by Mr David Willetts, director of the Centre for Policy Studies, the right-wing think-tank, who suggested that IHG, which has built and managed hospitals overseas, should offer the same services in Britain.

Other construction companies will be watching the proposed scheme at Bromley, south-east London, closely. They are known to be interested in gaining a foothold in the lucrative hospital building and refurbishment programme offered by the NHS.

Pay dispute 2

Health service managers are also keen on such joint ventures and are pressing the Treasury to be more flexible about funding such schemes. At present, their only source of raising capital is the annual capital allocation from the Government. Partnership schemes with the private sector would boost their spending power.

Since the Bromely proposal was formally submitted at the end of June, the contractors have briefed senior members of the NHS management board, the NHS building directorate and Mr Richard Saunders, under secretary for health service spending at the Treasury. The Treasury must approve the scheme because of the rules that govern NHS financing.

Mr Ian Whitehead, from the policy unit at 10 Downing Street, attended one of the briefings and has since met district health authority officers to discuss the proposal, an indicator of how much importance is being placed on the project. Copies of the scheme are awaiting Mr Kenneth clarke, Secretary of State for Health.

Mr John Sevenoaks, chairman of Turnkey Hospitals,

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Inquiry urged into City insider deals

By Alexandra Jackson

The Government is being pressed for an investigation into insider dealing in the City, after two leaks of price-sensitive information last week involving four leading merchant banks.

Mr Tony Blair, the Shadow Trade Minister wants Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to establish whether the cases were "the tip of a much larger and more worrying iceberg."

The separate incidents prompted Conservative MP Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, a financier and member of the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee, to suggest insider dealing was inevitable.

Mr Beaumont-Dark and Sir William Clark, chairman of the Tory back bench Finance Committee, called on Lord Young to ensure the watchdog Securities and Investments Board looked into the cases.

Mr Blair said the cases threw into question the effectiveness of "Chinese Walls"

"One question especially needs to be asked: are last week's cases just isolated incidents – or are they the tip of a much larger and more worrying iceberg which existing rules and practices are failing to detect?" he said.

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In the first case, two market makers from County NatWest WoodMac, the securities arm of the National Westminster Bank, dealt in Grand Metropolitan shares before it was widely known the group was planning to sell Inter-Continental Hotels.

Later in the week, Samuel Montagu, Morgan Grenfell and Lazard Brothers, the merchant banks, said they had each parted company with an employee after a leak.

Ex-Marine gives Bush a new convention face

From Christopher Thomas
New Orleans

Forget the special million-dollar studio lights; and the several acres of royal blue curtains flowing majestically behind the podium. Forget even the amazing new sound system. The most important image-maker at the George Bush Show this week is a strapping, mutton-fisted former Marine who is simply wonderful with skin foundation and a puff.

Tom Ellingwood normally works his make-up magic on the likes of Burt Reynolds. Lately he has been giving a youthful glow to participants on a silly Hollywood TV show called *30 Something*. Mr Bush, who is 60 something, hopes to get the glow of leadership from Mr Ellingwood before delivering his critically important acceptance address to the Republican National Convention on Thursday.

Slick is the word this week. Mark Goode, the convention producer – who is equally at home producing such phenomena as Johnny Cash TV specials – has been vigorously reassuring Bush aides that the make-up man is the best in showbiz and really will make all the difference.

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Mr Ellingwood will get his first hands-on feel of the vice-presidential face early in the week so he can decide on the right tone and texture. "He is very good," Mr Goode insisted, a little defensively.

Mr Goode is a small, dapper, terribly enthusiastic man, who floats around in an atmosphere of cool, calculated serenity. Some call him the Wizard of Ooze. He has been spending millions of dollars on all manner of esoteric production techniques and gimmicks, not to mention splashing out on Mr Ellingwood's gargantuan fee.

Some serious-minded folk think he has gone too far, but he has a completely unfettered hand to do whatever is needed to bring Mr Bush into focus on the nation's TV screens. He was television consultant to Presidents Nixon, Ford and Reagan and is remembered for bringing earth tones and rounded edges to the 1984 Republican convention.

He is a master of live political events like the Christmas Pageant of Peace in

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George Bush: Carefully preparing a new image

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Strike threat to postal services

The Post Office faces industrial action, including possible strikes, from four unions over privatization plans and itsbonus scheme.Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, will today announce his members have voted by more than 2-1 in favour of industrial action over the bonus proposal.

The Post Office plan would give supplements to new workers in parts of south-east England, where recruiting is difficult.

In a separate move, the National Communications Union, the Communication Managers' Union and the National Union of Civil and Public Servants have joined forces in ballots over the privatization plans they claim will lead to 5,000 job losses and inferior services.

MPs 'inexperienced'

The growing lack of direct military experience among Conservative MPs was blamed yesterday by leading Tories for some alarming gaps in their knowledge about defence matters uncovered by a new survey. Gallup found that the vast majority of MPs could not name Nato's Supreme Allied Commander and its Secretary-General Mr Gerrard Neale, Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, said that at all levels of the party, including the Cabinet, a declining number of MPs had either seen military action or done National Service.

'Blue Arrows' veto

The Royal Navy has vetoed plans to name a new formation team of Sea Harriers the "Blue Arrows", for fear of upsetting the RAF's supreme aerobatic team, the Red Arrows. The suggestion was made last month when Harriers from 899 Squadron at Yeovilton showed off their hovering ability to mark the launch of the revolutionary Blue Arrow yacht, which Peter de Savary hoped would challenge the Americans and New Zealanders for the America's Cup.

Seamen's court hope

Leaders of the National Union of Seamen hope to get back what is left of their union's assets this morning when the High Court is expected to end the sequestration order on the union after more than four months. The union has already been fined a total of £340,000 in the English and Scottish courts for secondary action taken in sympathy with strikers at Dover, who were dismissed by P&O, and for contempt of court. Fines, costs and legal fees, are believed to have cost the union more than £1 million since first Sealink, then P&O took legal action over support for pickets.

Beethoven premiere

The first movement of Beethoven's "lost" Tenth Symphony is to receive its world premiere at the Royal Festival Hall in London in October. It has been reconstructed from fragments of the composer's original manuscripts by Dr Barry Cooper, a lecturer in music at Aberdeen University, who discovered a set of sketches for the work in a West Berlin library five years ago. It will be performed at the Royal Festival Hall by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Walter Weller, on October 18.

Appeal to dons

In an attempt to strengthen industrial and commercial sponsorship, one of Oxford University's poorest colleges may take steps to make amends to Mrs Margaret Thatcher for the snub to her three years ago when the university refused to award her an honorary doctorate. A small group of fellows at St Catherine's College, founded in 1963, have been sounding out dons on an unofficial basis to discuss ways in which the college might introduce management studies, even possibly offering some "Thatcher" scholarships financed by business. In conjunction with these moves the college would offer Mrs Thatcher a fellowship.

Call for end to modern maths teaching

By David Tytler
Education Editor

The number of children aged four being admitted to primary schools which have traditionally only taken children at five is likely to increase as parents press for extra tuition to meet the added demands of the national curriculum.

As a result the National Foundation for Educational Research is investigating what should be taught to four-year-olds so that for the first time teachers can be told what the curriculum should consist of and how the children can best be taught.

Mr Simon Barber, of the foundation, said that as well as the pressure caused by the national curriculum, head teachers will be under pressure to lower the admission age to encourage children to come to their schools, in the competition between schools for pupils.

A foundation conference held earlier this year decided that children aged four should not be in school at all because of a shortage of suitably trained teachers and an inadequate curriculum. However, with the numbers set to rise in spite of this, it was agreed that the main concern for the schools was to devise a proper teaching programme.

A university lecturer is blaming modern mathematics for rising innumeracy in Britain and urging the return to traditional methods of learning arithmetic.

In a book published today Dr Gerry Mulhern, a psychologist at the University of Ulster, says that in the heyday of modern mathematics in the 1960s and 1970s it was said that children knew that 7x6 was the same as 6x7 but did not know either was equal to 42.

His book appears the day before a government working party report on how mathematics should be taught in schools is due to appear.

The report aims to set guidelines for the new national curriculum. Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, is expected to reject its suggestion that children do not need to know how to do long division and multiplication without the use of a calculator.

Mr Baker is anxious to stop the rot in mathematics teaching in Britain. One survey has shown that up to seven million people may be innumerate, illiterate or both. More recent research also suggests that standards are continuing on a downward spiral, with an 8 per cent fall in the average achievement in mathematics of children aged 13 and 14 between 1964 and 1981.

Mr Baker is known to favour a return to more traditional methods of teaching mathematics than is recommended by the working party. However, he will not satisfy critics who want a return to learning by rote.

Dr Mulhern writes: "Some 30 years of teaching modern mathematics has been responsible, at least in part, for producing a generation of mathematical incompetents".

Dr Mulhern says: "It seems extraordinary that educators were prepared to subject a generation of schoolchildren to such a radical curriculum on such flimsy grounds.The fact that innumeracy is endemic amongst individuals who have been taught using these methods would suggest that they may be harmful."

He says it has never been proved that traditional methods of teaching arithmetic, such as rote learning of tables, were ineffective — "it was simply unfashionable".

Dr Mulhern concludes: "The crisis in mathematics education could be greatly alleviated if primary schools had a simple brief to produce numerate children using traditional methods of rote learning, leaving secondary schools free to develop deeper mathematical understanding safe in the knowledge that their pupils can at least add, subtract, multiply and divide".

Full Circle? Bringing up Children in the Post-Permissive Society (edited by Digby Anderson; Social Afairs Unit, 9 Chesterfield Street, London).

£280m cash plea to ease fear of more health cuts

By Jill Sherman and Nicholas Wood

Health authorities could need an emergency injection of at least £280 million this autumn to avoid further cuts and ward closures, the National Association of Health Authorities estimated yesterday.

The forecast, threatening a repeat of last winter's NHS cash crisis, adds to the political problems facing Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, who is embroiled in a renewed outbreak of hostilities with the nurses.

Sources close to Mr Clarke, who is on holiday in Spain, made clear yesterday that he was determined to take a firm line in the pay dispute.

They said he would not bow to union pressure for further cash concessions as the long-running wrangle threatens to explode again in a renewed bout of militancy.

Whitehall sources condemned as "premature" a national day of demonstration and protest on September 3 planned by nurses' leaders, saying they should await the outcome of the clinical regrading exercise at the centre of the dispute.

The association calculates that, due to a shortfall of funding on the groups of staff not covered by pay review bodies, and a shortfall on NHS inflation, health authorities are heading for a £130 million overspend.

In addition, early returns from health authorities indicate that the nurses pay award alone could cost an £150 million more than the the £803 million allocated.

Mr John Appleby, the association's finance officer, said latest figures from the Department of Health had shown that NHS inflation was running at 8 per cent, compared with the 4.5 per cent which health authorities had been allocated this year. That represented a shortfall of about £98 million.

Similarly, ancillary workers, administrative and clerical and scientific and laboratory staff are settling for at least 1 per cent more than the 4.5 per cent pay element of this year's allocation, a shortfall of more than £30 million.

"The total shortfall this year could amount to at least £280 million", Mr Appleby said.

The Government was forced to provide an emergency injection of £100 million to the NHS last December after it became clear that health authorities were in difficulties because of underfunding of previous pay awards.

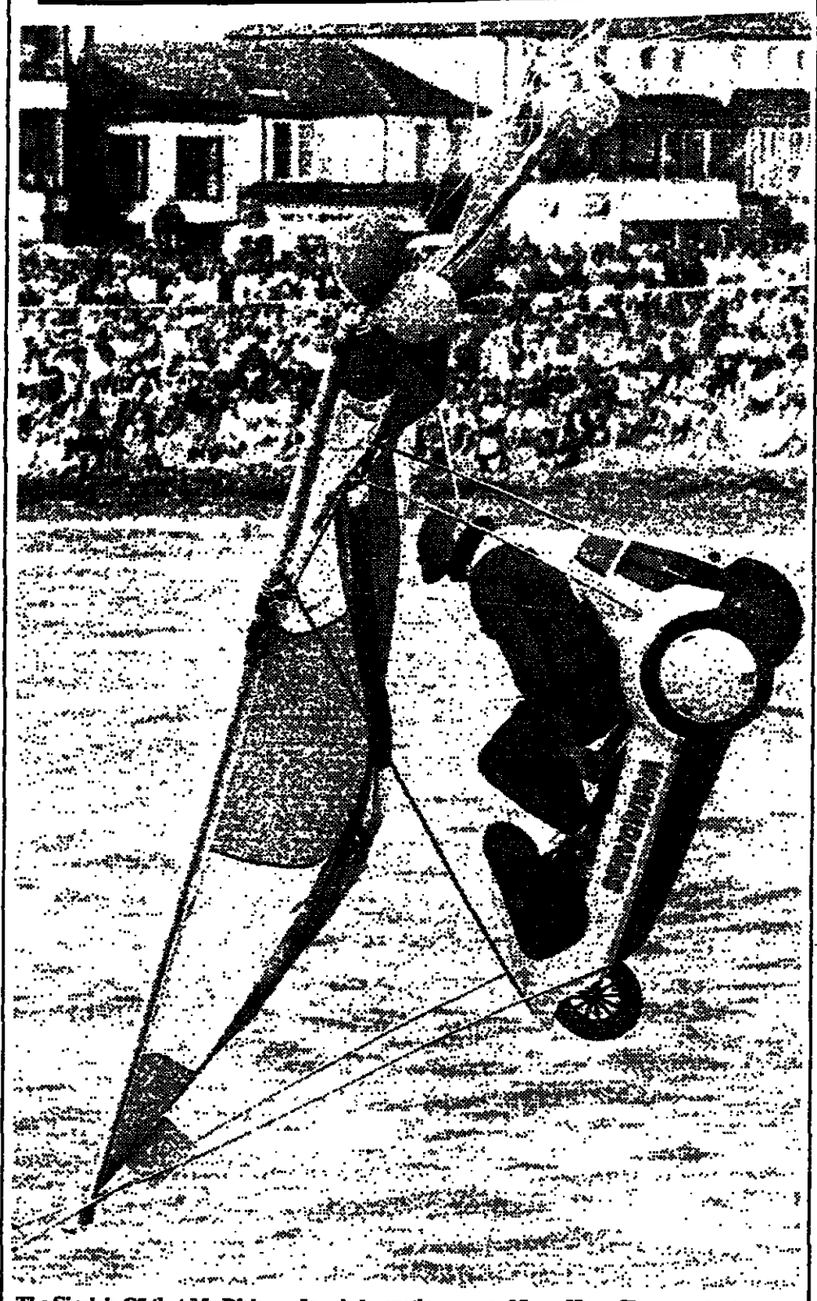
The problem this year, which is beginning to manifest itself in bed closures in some regions, has been exacerbated because the £100 million was not made recurrent.

"Health authorities are heading for a significant overspend. If the nurses' pay award is substantially over the sum allocated, and this is not made good, authorities will be in real trouble and a further injection may be needed", Mr Philip Hunt, the association' director, said.

The Confederation of Health Service Commissioners and the National Union of Public Employees will meet the Royal College of Nursing tomorrow to seek a common approach in the dispute.

Sources insisted that Mr Clarke was in no mood to give ground in the face of threats by union leaders. They dismissed calls for him to cut short his holiday as "silly season nonsense".

Sinclair C5 flops again



The Sinclair C5 that Mr Dick Clarke, above, from Hertfordshire, adapted to take part in the 1988 Birdman Rally proved as big a flop in the air as the model was on the roads.

In winds gusting up to 25 miles an hour, nearly 40 competitors launched themselves into the air in turn from a platform on Bognor Regis pier, West Sussex.

Herr Clemens Koch, aged 30, one of five entrants from Freiburg, West Germany, won £1,000 for gliding the furthest distance, 53.5 metres.

(Photograph: James Morgan)

Fear for benefits traps jobless

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

The Government will tomorrow launch a new strike against the dependency culture with an advertising campaign designed to emphasize the number of welfare benefits available to those in work.

Department of Employment studies have shown that many unemployed people are reluctant to seek jobs because they fear losing benefits.

A £3.5 million campaign will emphasize that taking a job does not necessarily mean loss of them all.

Television and newspaper advertising will be launched on the theme of "Think you can't afford to take a job? Think again".

It will emphasize that the unemployed who take a job will still receive child benefit and that they can qualify for housing benefit, plus the new Family Credit. In addition, there is a special allowance to boost their income for the first six months in a job.

The advertising campaign will be backed by a new booklet, *How to be better off in work*, which explains how workers qualify for Family Credit and Housing Benefit, along with the Child Benefit.

The book explains the Jobstart allowance — a taxable sum of £20 per week which is paid for six months to anyone taking a job at less than £90 a week gross who has been unemployed for the previous year.

Ministers have been alarmed to discover how reluctant many unemployed people are to seek a job for fear of losing their benefits.

A survey of 1,000 unemployed people disclosed that more than half had no idea which benefits they could still receive if they took a job.

The Department of Employment has increased its number of claimant advisers and many are to be issued with hand-held microcomputers which will enable them to calculate on the spot an individual's income

The new drive to emphasize benefit entitlements comes after a detailed survey which showed that there were 150,000 jobs available for the 390,000 unemployed people in London.

Trade figures attacked

Government claims that Britain's balance of trade deficit is a "problem of success" were yesterday branded as fraudulent by the Labour Party.

Mr Tony Blair, the shadow Minister for Trade, launched the attack after circulating figures showing increases in various types of imports between the first and second quarters of 1988.

He said his estimates showed that imports of capital goods had increased by less than those of foreign cars and other consumer goods in the second quarter of this year.

Imports of capital goods were up by 4.2 per cent to £3,553 million in the period April-June, which contrasted with a 13.5 per cent increase in car imports to £1,634 million.

Mr Blair's figures showed that from the start of 1987 to the end of June 1988, capital imports were up 22 per cent. Car imports were up 52.7 per cent and imports of consumer goods were up 15.6 per cent.

Ministers have explained the deteriorating trade position by saying that many of the imports were machinery with which industry would equip itself for a renewed onslaught on world markets.

Travellers in 22-hour air delay

By Ruth Gledhill

More than 300 passengers were given hotel accommodation in Birmingham after their flight was delayed for 22 hours at the weekend.

Few flights were delayed in comparison to past weekends. But Spanish air traffic controllers are meeting in the next few days to decide whether to strike over the August Bank Holiday.

FLIGHTCHECK



Birmingham: Several delays of four or five hours on flights to Spain.
Edinburgh: Several delays, few more than two hours.
Gatwick: Ten flights on Saturday and seven yesterday delayed by up to two hours.
Glasgow: On Saturday and yesterday flights were delayed by up to two hours.
Heathrow: On Saturday, 20 arrivals and the corresponding departures were delayed by up to three hours.

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Existing line may carry tunnel traffic

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

British Rail is considering modifying an historic rail route through Kent to carry passengers for the first few years of operations of the Channel tunnel for less than 10 per cent of the cost of a new line.

It is considering using the line, Boat Train Route 1 (BTR 1), together with some extra capacity on another line, until rail traffic builds up sufficiently to justify the estimated £1 billion cost of a new line.

British Rail is planning to spend about £80 million on improvements to the track and signalling, and in enlarging some bridges and passing loops, which will allow the maximum speed to be raised by 10 mph to 100 mph.

However, critics of the scheme, led by Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French consortium building the tunnel, say British Rail is underestimating the rate at which traffic will develop, and that an upgraded BTR 1 will be inadequate for trains which operate on the Continent at 170 mph or more. British Rail argues that the 15 to 20 minute difference in journey time will not be critical.

Mr Alastair Morton, co-chairman of Eurotunnel, rejected yesterday British Rail's view that a new line cannot open before 1998. He called on British Rail to clear planning obstacles which might delay the proposals.

Otherwise, there would be a bigger risk of business and investment being drawn towards the South-east and even across the Channel, "with serious social and economic consequences".

In a letter to Sir Robert Reid, chairman of British Rail, Mr Morton said: "We are convinced the line is desirable from 1993 but will be necessary before the end of 1995. We believe it should be possible to meet that objective, and we invite your board to pursue it vigorously." Proposals should be put before Parliament by November next year and contruction should start in 1991.

● Proposals to save the scenic Settle to Carlisle railway line were given a cautious welcome yesterday by campaigners who said any package would have to help local communities as well as providing a tourist attraction.

Edinburgh Festival

Carnival time for culture

By Kerry Gill

The longest Edinburgh Festival yet received its traditional and public inauguration yesterday as the annual Sunday cavalcade set off across the city to the delight of thousands lining the streets.

Once a fairly formal affair, the cavalcade resembled a Mardi Gras with bands, balloons, street performers, floats and all the hullabaloo of Edinburgh letting its hair down in preparation for the three-week cultural surfeit.

The fantastic scenes introduced the five main festival facets: the official, the fringe, the tattoo, film and jazz festivals. Drum majorettes are extra.

The 42nd festival, which has cost some £3 million, including £200,000 from the Italian government, is expected to add up to £30 million to the city's economy by early September due to the spin-off in tourist spending.

This year it will run two extra days until September 5 and its main theme will be Italy, and Naples in particular.

Highlights of the official festival include *Miseria e Nobilita*, the farce by the Neapolitan Eduardo Scarpetta.

A festival first will introduce delightfully vulgar Neapolitan sketches by the mother and son act, Peppe e Barra, and treasures from Pompei and Herculaneum will be on show at the National Museum of Scotland.

The controversial opera at the Playhouse, *Nixon In America*, will prove a big draw, as will the Ninagawa Company, from Japan, with its production of *The Tempest*.

More than 400 companies will be taking part in the fringe, and the film festival will include the new John Cleese comedy, *A Fish Called Wanda*, and *The Milagro Beanfield War*, with Robert Redford.

There will be many theatrical productions from abroad. Although there will be translation facilities for some, others will be in the language of the country, a hurdle theatre goers at past festivals have been happy to jump.

Refurbishment of the National Gallery of Scotland has been achieved just in time. From today visitors will see all 10 exhibition rooms which have been returned to the designs of William Playfair.

The walls, formerly in 1930s decor, have been returned to Playfair's original designs where possible. Crimson felt now covers the walls and cornices, and skirting is in light oak. The Corinthian arches have been taken down and replaced by elliptical arches after checks with Playfair's original drawings.

Oxford theatre group to perform in Japan

By Sam Kiley, Universities Reporter

The Oxford University Dramatic Society leaves Britain today for a six-week tour of Japan and the United States.

Two years ago, the society toured Kenya. This year it opens with Shakespeare's *As You Like It* at the newly built Globe Theatre in Tokyo, which recently was host to The Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre.

The second part of the tour opens at the World Night Club in Manhatten, a former vaudeville venue said to be one of the wilder night spots in New York. The club's managers were so impressed with the idea of attracting a group from Oxford University that they agreed to arrange all necessary publicity.

A play entitled *Pillow Talk* is also included in the company's tour repertoire, described as a mixture of Ovid's *Metamorphosis* plus "a collage of scenes from *Titus Andronicus*, *Cymbeline*, *Othello* and *The Tempest*, with restoration comedy crossed with burlesque, and songs from from Verdi, Purcell and Gershwin".

Quite what theatregoers in Tokyo, Okayama and Osaka will make of the Dada-ist drama remains to be seen.

However, Mr Wes Williams, a postgraduate student working on a PhD in renaissance travel literature and the play's director, is a man of conviction. "It is very good", he said.

One of the oldest student drama societies in the country, the society boasts alumni from Sir Peter Parker to Mel Smith. Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor performed in and directed its production of *Faust* in the early 1960s.

The touring actors have been endorsed by Sir Patrick Neill, vice-chancellor of Oxford, as official ambassadors for the university, which will launch a major fund-raising campaign in October.

Judges are urged to consider the impact of prison sentencing

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Senior QCs are calling on judges to meet Home Office officials because of growing concern that the judiciary is out of touch with the impact *sentencing is having* on prison overcrowding.

They suggest judges should, depending on the offence, be questioning whether there is room for certain offenders within the prison system.

Some leading members of the Criminal Bar Association, who themselves sit as part-time judges, want a radical departure from the traditional stance where judges keep sentencing policy at "arm's length" from government officials.

They are urging judges and Home Office officials to hold conferences on sentencing to change policy and ensure judges are more informed of the statistics and the effects of penalties they impose.

Such a move would be *strongly oppposed by senior* judges, including the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, who jealously guard their independence from the executive, but QCs believe Home Office officials would welcome closer links to exchange data.

Judges came under fire recently from Judge Stephen Tumim, Chief Inspector of Prisons, for not paying enough visits to prisons.

Mr David Cocks, QC, chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, said: "Judges are completely isolated from the executive. A lot of judges locked away together discussing the tariff (the right sentence for a particular crime) doesn't get very far."

The Prison Officers' Association claimed yesterday that more army camps may have to be opened to cope with the burgeoning number of remand prisoners refused admission to prisons because of officers' industrial action. By last night, the number of remand prisoners held in overcrowded police cells, mostly in London and the Home Counties, stood at 1,146, and is certain to increase.

There was a growing view that, while judges were responsible for imposing sentences, sentencing policy ought to be looked at by the judges and the executive together.

Mr Cocks said it was not *just a question of being aware* of the physical conditions of imprisonment, but also the more fundamental issues underlying the prison population. "They must get to grips with the statistics; find out how many offenders one really does want to live in the community and for what offences; and whether certain offences should be prosecuted at all."

If someone was sentenced, the current approach was that room had to be found, he added. "But they should be saying, is there room for this person and how many more is there room for? There cannot be strict correlation, but to eschew any reference to such questions is quite wrong."

The issue of judges' sentencing was raised at the recent conference of the Criminal Bar Association by Lord Hutchinson QC, another senior member of the criminal bar, who said he was "struck by the gulf of incomprehension which appears to exist between sentencers and those whose business it is to deal with offenders before and after sentence".

There was widespread public criticism with the sentencing processes of the courts and a belief that sentencers operated in an "atmosphere of self-confident judicial isolationism impervious to the results of what they do".

Lord Hutchinson, who has sat as a Crown Court recorder, *said the ever-widening gulf* between the judiciary and the executive was undermining the credibility of the criminal process.

● Juvenile crime is falling, but there is still a high rate of re-offending among young people *leaving custody, according* to figures released today by the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (Nacro). Indictable offences committed by those aged under 17 fell by 24 per cent in the past 10 years, from 184,100 in 1977 to 140,300.

Storm over for model sailors



By Ruth Gledhill

Mr Reg Caffell and Mr Bill Lynn, members of the Model Yacht Sailing Association, steer their craft on the Round Pond in Kensington Gardens in London, after news of victory in the fight for an acceptable new clubhouse.

The 40-strong club was offered new premises after being told its 100-year-old clubhouse near Queen Anne's Orangery was to be demolished for new developments.

However, the new rent would have been £4,000 a year. Mr Tony Gurr, Commodore of the club, jobbied his MP Mr Richard Tracey (Con. Surbiton) who contacted Mr Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport.

Within weeks the squall had blown over. The yachtsmen are about to sign *the lease for a timber cabin near the* Soviet Embassy on the north-west edge of the park at a rent of £400 a year.

The days are gone when the club was a retreat for retired admirals in blazers. "We range from retired gardeners to stock brokers", Commodore Gurr, a security surveyor, said. "What your job is does not matter here. It is what you can do on the lake that counts."

(Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Portfolio PLUS NEW *Accumulator* Kitchen bonanza

Mrs Catherine Carter, of North Bersted, West Sussex, shared the weekly £8,000 Portfolio prize yesterday with Mr Brian Riley of Yiewsley, West Drayton, west London.

Mrs Carter, aged 32, who lives with her husband in a large farmhouse, plans to move to an even larger one in the autumn.

"The new place has much more space and fewer people around us", she said. "But at the moment it has a very basic working kitchen and it does need something done to it. The money will go straight on that."

Mr Riley, aged 28, a research chemist, said he would probably use his £4,000 share of the prize to finance a new car.

Award moves

John Worwood, aged 44, a Securicor guard murdered by two men in a robbery attempt in Birmingham last week, and *Mr Gerald Hall, aged 32, who* was injured when he went to his aid, are likely to be recommended for a bravery award.

Queen's visit

The Queen and the Duke of *Edinburgh will today* meet survivors of the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster, which claimed 167 lives last month, and those involved in the rescue operation, in Aberdeen.

Hindu protest

A march was held by 600 Hindus in central London yesterday after a letter had been delivered to 10 Downing Street protesting at attempts to close a Hindu shrine in Letchmore Heath, Hertfordshire.

Grave opened

Police have exhumed the body of a woman originally thought to have drowned in a river near her home 18 months ago. They now suspect Mary Finch, aged 51, of Ipswich, was murdered.

Town recalls

A memorial service for victims of the Hungerford massacre was held at the town's parish church of St Lawrence yesterday.

Women 'prettier' in 1920s

British women were more beautiful 60 years ago than their counterparts are today, according to a national opinion survey.

The survey was commissioned to mark the diamond jubilee of Lux soap. Today's 20-year-olds and former "flappers" who were 20 in 1928 were interviewed and asked to assess changes in women's lifestyles and attitudes over the past 60 years.

Outrageousness in 1928 was "showing a bit of lace", while 70 per cent of the those aged 80 questioned believed that in 1928, personality, not outward appearance, made women attractive.

However, each age group claimed to be more stylish, more glamorous and better-dressed than the other – and insisted that they dressed to please themselves, rather than men.

The survey found that women are now marrying younger than they did in 1928.

In 1928, two thirds of 20-year-olds, particularly in the North, were single and living at home, with 17 per cent living away in service. Only 7 per cent were married.

Nearly 50 per cent of today's 20 year-olds are married with children, living with boy friends – or already divorced.

In 1928, young women were thought by soap advertisers to be "riddled with anxieties, having no sense of humour, and with the intellectual grasp of a child".

In contrast, their modern counterpart is seen as "intelligent, an individual with an unpredictable personality. She is determined and resilient and much less susceptible to cynical exploitation".

Call to outlaw Scorsese film of Christ

By Patrick O'Hanlon

Religious leaders, Conservative MPs and Mrs Mary Whitehouse yesterday called for a controversial new film on the life of Christ to be declared blasphemous and boycotted.

The film, *The Last Temptation of Christ*, directed by *Martin Scorsese*, is said to portray Christ having intercourse with a naked, tattooed Mary Magdalene, marrying and committing adultery and working as a carpenter making crucifixion crosses for the Romans.

It has already caused a furore in the United States where it opened yesterday.

Mrs Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, who has read a copy of the script, said: "This film hits at the very essence of one's concern about pornography. I don't want to say that Jesus wasn't *tempted – the scriptures make* clear that he was. But this film does not suggest that he was tempted, but actually shows him having sex.

"Very considerable offence will be given to many people in Britain, and not only Christians".

Mrs Whitehouse has written to the British Board of Film *Classification urging them not* to give the film a certificate. She did not rule out a private prosecution.

Mr Nicholas Bennett, the Conservative MP for Pembrokeshire, has called on Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney *General, to investigate* whether the film would lead to a breach of the peace.

"This film would appear to be deeply offensive to Christians", Mr Bennett said. "If such a film had been made of the life of Mohammed, or the prophet or leader of any other faith, it is possible proceedings might be taken under the Race *Relations Act." Christians* were entitled to the same respect and consideration.

Mr Nicholas Coote, assistant general secretary of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, has urged Christians and non-believers to boycott the film which he said was flawed as cinema and theology.

Mr James Ferman, secretary of the BBFC, said that if the film was legally judged to be blasphemous it would not receive a certificate.

Rape team compiles risk report

By Ian Smith

A profile of women most likely to be at risk of rape or sexual assault is being developed by Britain's first specialized help centre for victims.

Computerized details of the age, lifestyle and social status of women who have been raped, and the circumstances of the attack, will be analysed to provide protective guidelines for others.

The work is being done at St Mary's sexual assault referral centre, Manchester. *Since it* opened 20 months ago, the centre has drawn the interest of police, medical and social services.

Research already undertaken shows that of the 512 women who have turned to *the centre for help so far, those* most vulnerable are aged between 18 and 24, single and living alone.

Trained counsellors, female doctors and psychiatrists are available to provide immediate, confidential help 24 hours *a day, seven days a week* at the centre, which adjoins Manchester Royal Infirmary.

"We are here to help clients in whatever way they find useful", Dr Raine Roberts, the centre's founder, said.

She believes St Mary's will become the model for similar centres throughout the country.

Clue to secrets of a cell's defence

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Scientists at Nottingham University believe they have found a disease-fighting system contained in all living cells.

Their discovery may finally uncover the cause of degenerative illness such as Parkinson's disease. It could also have implications for the control of Aids.

A team at the university's medical school is researching what they claim could be a biochemical key which may help solve a host of hitherto unexplained mysteries in medical science.

In the mid 1970s, biochemists were startled by the discovery that every plant and animal contained a very simple substance, dubbed "ubiquitin". Until recently, its function in cells was thought to be relatively unimportant.

However, scientists now believe that ubiquitin plays a crucial role in the way cells repair themselves.

A diseased cell, or one under attack by viruses, contains faulty proteins that threaten its survival. Research has discovered that cells can seek out and bundle up and label such proteins for later elimination by special disease-fighting enzymes.

Ubiquitin appears to be the chemical label on the bundles. This opens up the prospect of scientists being able to pick out the bundles inside cells affected by as-yet unexplained diseases, unwrap them and find out what went wrong.

Now Professor John Mayer, Dr Jim Lowe and Dr Graham Lennox have found the ubiquitin-labelled packages of such a disease: motor neurone disease (*MND*), a fatal degenerative condition of the spine which affects thousands.

Dr Lowe said: "It is tremendously exciting. For the first time, it gives scientists a handle with which to extract the proteins, look at them and see what went wrong".

He said that researchers at St George's Hospital, south-west London, have independently made the same discovery, which is about to be published in a leading scientific journal.

The Nottingham team has now begun to exploit the labelling properties of ubiquitin to investigate degenerative diseases of the brain.

They have already discovered that one form of dementia is far more common than brain specialists had believed.

In the longer term the team hopes that the discovery of ubiquitin's real role will lead to ways of boosting the ability of living cells to fight disease.

Study supports Darwin theory

Living alone 'affects health'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

One of the lesser known theories proposed by Charles Darwin more than 100 years ago, that gregarious people are healthier, has been confirmed by a study into social relationships and illness.

The research team says it is ironic that it has found evidence for a risk factor for life-threatening disease rivalling *smoking, blood pressure* and obesity, when people in the West are tending to live alone, remain single longer and have fewer or even no children.

The original observation by Darwin was separate from his most famous work on evolution, published in *On The Origin of Species*.

One of Darwin's essays contained the story of a man who died from heart disease. He had made careful measurements of his own pulse showing it was habitually irregular to an extreme degree. Yet it invariably became regular when a friend entered the room.

That phenomenon could be explained by the latest investigation *into social relationships* and health conducted by a team working with Professor James House, at the Institute of Gerontology and Epidemiology at the University of Michigan.

Their conclusions, published in the journal *Science*, support the view that marriage appears to be more beneficial to the good health of men than women.

Similarly, the loss of a spouse is more detrimental to a man's well-being than a woman's.

On the other hand, women seem to benefit more from relationships with relatives than with friends.

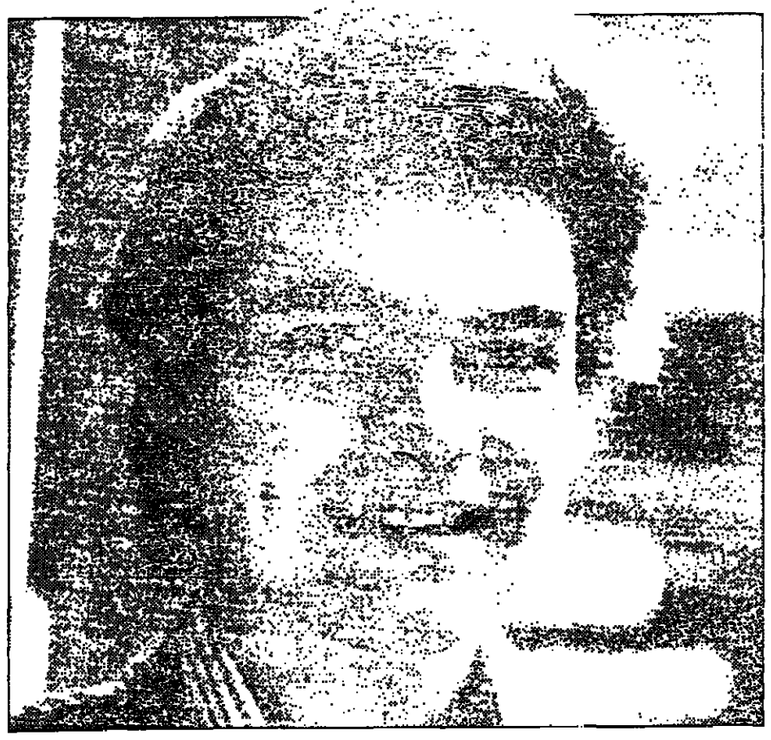
The scientists say the idea of link between social relationships and health has been accepted by some doctors for a long time but the first clear evidence came from studies into the people most likely to commit suicide.

Nevertheless, researchers were still unable to determine whether a lack of companions caused people to become ill or die, whether unhealthy people were instead less likely to establish and maintain social relationships, or if there were some other factor involved, such as a misanthropic personality.

According to the new report, several advances have made it possible to show whether poor social relationships preceded or followed ill health.

Among them are experiments that have disclosed the effect of stress on the psychological and physical condition of individuals, and that have provided a method of predicting the influence of social relationships *on the* incidence mortality in a community.

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Penetration of the Provisionals causes terrorists to concentrate on 'soft targets' in Europe

Intelligence success forces IRA to change tactics

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The IRA's murderous campaign against British servicemen has underlined the comparitive ease with which the terrorists have been able to pick on so-called "soft targets" at random, particularly on the Continent.

Intelligence sources in Belfast admit that however good the security and however vigilant the personnel, the IRA can always select a victim at any time, as it did with the murder of Warrant Officer Richard Heakin in Ostend on Friday.

Yet, in spite of the current campaign, the terrorist organization is not as confident as it may appear. Indeed, it is partly because of the continuing penetration of their organization by the security authorities in Northern Ireland that the IRA leaders have switched to sporadic attacks against military personnel in Europe, where the British authorities have no jurisdiction.

In Northern Ireland, IRA operations have been plagued with "public relations" disasters in the past eight months, with bombs going off at the wrong time and innocent people being shot. However, intelligence sources say that, in spite of a number of significant setbacks caused by the security forces, including the death of some of their most senior members, the IRA is still able to recover in a comparatively short time and replenish its ranks.

For example, in the so-called "Murder Triangle" that takes in Dungannon, Coalisland and Cookstown, the IRA's Cappagh gang is now back at full strength after its ranks were decimated on May 8 last year with the loss of eight of its most experienced operatives in the ambush by the SAS at Loughall, a hamlet in Co Armagh.

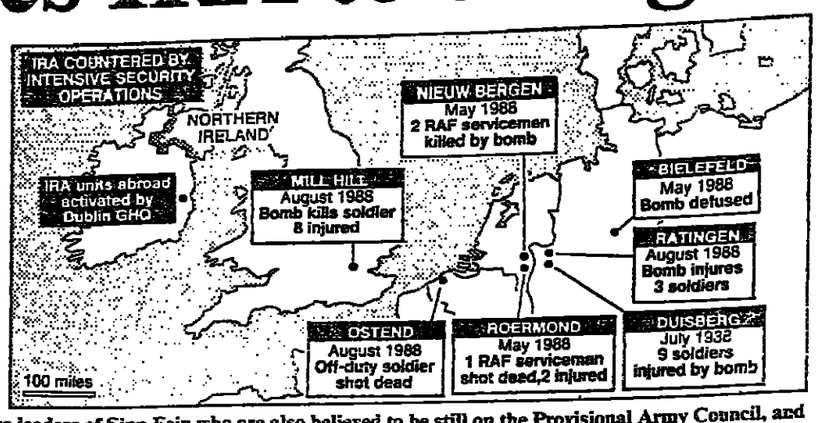
The gang, which is based in the fiercely republican village of Cappagh, is part of the East Tyrone brigade which has a reputation for ruthlessness. Twelve days ago the Cappagh gang was responsible for the murder of Private Raymond McNicol, a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment, just outside Cookstown.

In Northern Ireland, the killing of the eight terrorists, including Jim Lynagh, a veteran of border operations, and Paddy Kelly, the leader of the East Tyrone brigade, has had a lasting effect on the IRA. Today, according to highly placed intelligence sources, there is still a feeling of great caution among local IRA units.

Well planned operations, which have reached the ears of the security forces, have been abandoned at the last moment. One source said: "We know of cases recently where IRA gunmen have taken over a private house in preparation for an attack on a passing patrol and then have suddenly called the whole thing off". Another source said: "They don't want to turn the corner to find themselves facing the SAS. It's constantly on their mind."







Mr Gerry Adams (left), and Mr Martin McGuinness, the two leaders of Sinn Fein who are also believed to be still on the Provisional Army Council, and (right), a map detailing the "soft targets" attacked by the IRA in mainland Britain and on the Continent since the terrorists changed their tactics.

The IRA godfathers boast of a resurgence in the campaign, yet their current "successes" are undermined by the knowledge that in the intense intelligence war, they are often being outplayed and outmanoeuvred.

People are prepared to come forward with information. Money still talks

For the first time for many years, the IRA has an enormous stock of pristine, sophisticated weaponry and explosives given to them free of charge by Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, and smuggled into the Irish Republic in several consignments. "It's Gadaffi's way of getting back at the British Government by using the IRA. We believe the Gibraltar operation (aborted by the SAS shooting of the three terrorists) was a surrogate job for Gadaffi", one intelligence source said.

Yet, in spite of the gift from Gadaffi, the IRA has been frustrated in its attempts to mount a big operation which, it hopes, could force the Government to change its policy on Northern Ireland.

The intelligence effort, led by the Royal Ulster Constabulary's special branch and backed up by the military and both wings of British intelligence, MI5 and MI6, has thwarted many of the IRA's best laid plans. The failure of the Gibraltar operation has forced it to switch its tactics to a series of hit-and-run attacks on the Continent.

In the province, the frustration for the security forces is that although 90 per cent of the IRA's 100 or so significant active service operatives (50 in Belfast) are well known, the problem is bringing them to court with sufficient proof to obtain a conviction. That was illustrated recently when, after an attack on a member of the security forces, police went to the homes of the two suspected gunmen. It was after 1am. Both men were found to be having hot baths and the police could take no action.

The main figures behind the IRA have hardly changed in recent years. According to intelligence sources, Mr Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional IRA, and MP for Belfast West, and his politicial colleague, Mr Martin McGuinness, both former IRA leaders, are still on the seven-man Provisional Army Council which decides policy and produces broad guidelines for action in the "armed struggle".

The terrorist leaders in the northern and southern commands have also remained fairly static, although one or two have been "stood down" after being compromised. There has been no shake-up of personnel since the expulsion of four senior members of the Provisional IRA in Belfast three years ago.

The IRA's General Headquarters (GHQ) in Dublin is recognized by the security authorities in the North to be thoroughly professional. It is divided into several departments, including an engineering branch which deals with the latest bomb-making devices and electronic counter measures used to try to neutralize the Army's high-tech electronic sweeping equipment; a training branch: a security branch which vets new members and investigates suspected informers: and an overseas branch.

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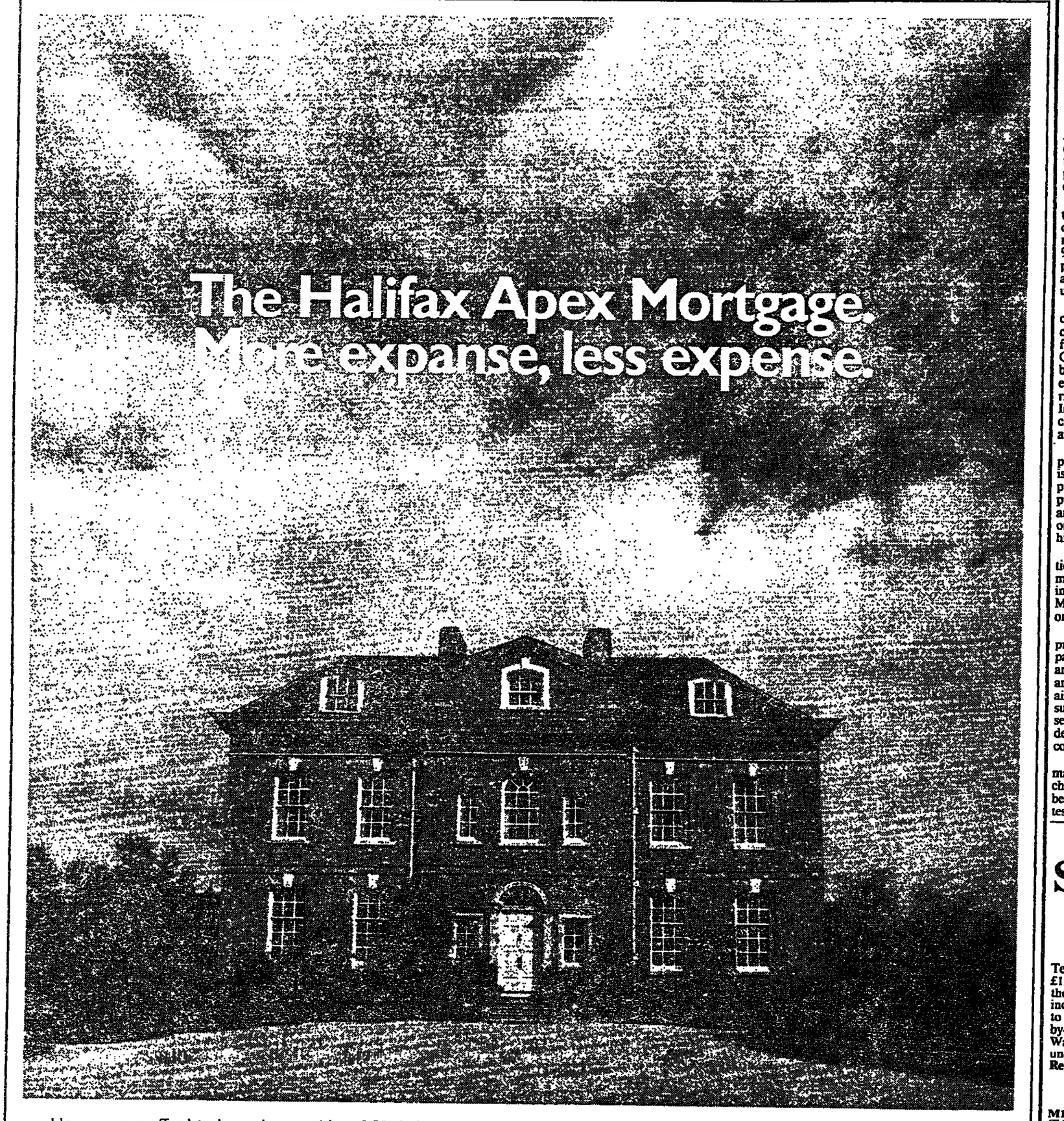
The intelligence sources said that, in spite of the increasing professionalism of the IRA and the persistent attempts to make its organization leakproof, the security authorities continued to breach the walls of secrecy. The Gibraltar operation, mounted by the GHQ overseas branch, was foiled by a high-level tip-off. One source said: "People are prepared to come forward with information. Money still talks."

The IRA constantly changed its methods to try and keep one step ahead. "The fear of informers is paramount", the source said. "We've pre-empted far more incidents than we've failed to stop. This is why when they think they've caught an informer, they deal with him very harshly."

The IRA is now based on a network of active service units attached to specified areas. There are about 10 of those units in Belfast and one in Dublin.

IRA operations in the province are organized at local level without reference further up the line of command, unless it is a big attack. This has led to embarrassing breaches of Provisional Army Council guidelines, one of which is to avoid civilian casualties because of the bad publicity it gives to the overall policy nurtured by Mr Adams of "the ballot box and Armalite", the twin approach embracing the "armed struggle" and political ambitions.

After the tragedy of the Enniskillen bomb which killed 11 civilians last November, the murder of the three members of the Hanna family at Killeen in July, the attack on the schoolbus at Lisnaskea in June, severely injuring Gillian Latimer, a schoolgirl, and several other incidents, the recent operations against military targets have been an attempt by the IRA to regain credibility.



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Carriers complain to CAA

Flight fares set to rise as costs spiral

By Edward Gorman

Air fares are set to spiral in cost because BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, plans to increase the fees it charges carriers.

The Civil Aviation Authority will receive a formal complaint this week from the representatives of more than 90 airlines using British airports, over what they claim are "outrageous" increases in user charges.

They say BAA wants increase the fee for a single check-in desk at Heathrow from £5,000 a year to £38,000. One American airline has been told that the rental for an executive waiting lounge will rise from £18,800 to £28,550. Increases in baggage handling charges and sorting facilities are also planned.

BAA, in its first year of privatization, is likely to register a massive increase in its profits, but airlines say its pricing policy is monopolistic and unfair, and will be passed on to passengers in the form of higher fares.

According to Chase Securities, the City analysts, BAA made a profit of £166 million in the year to the end of March, a 34 per cent increase on the previous year.

This year it is on course for profits of at least £185 million, partly resulting from the amount spent on refreshments and duty-free shopping at airports such as Gatwick this summer by "trapped" passengers whose flights were delayed because of air traffic congestion.

Last night a CAA spokesman said the question of user charges for airlines could become the first significant test of the authority's role as a regulator and arbitrator since the 1986 Airports Act, under which BAA was privatized, came into force.

He added that in making its decision, the authority would try to balance the interests of BAA, the airlines, and the consumer.

However, the airlines say it will be the consumer who will be worst hit.

"The escalation in costs is massive and that's what people are arguing about", a Pan American airlines spokesman said.

BAA declined to comment in detail last night, but denied that its charges were unfair. They had been drawn up within stringent regulatory rules and were carfully related to costs, the company said.

"The charges we make for check-in desks reflect substantial investments running into tens of millions of pounds, that we have made in automatic optical-recognition baggage-handling equipment that is being installed at the request of the airlines.

"There has been full consultation with the airlines, which are benefiting from a significant reduction in labour costs. The airlines are paying what represents a fair and modest return on that investment and the rate has been carefully assessed by outside advisers."

BAA believes that as a private company operating in a highly competitive market, it is entitled to act in a way that will benefit more than a million shareholders.

Some analysts add that the dispute may reflect more the precarious state of some airlines' financial position than unfairness on BAA's part.

Motorway repairs

Saltash by-pass to be opened soon

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Ten road projects costing £134 million will be opened in the South-west this year, including a by-pass at Saltash, to be opened next month, and by-passes at Dorchester and Warminster. Twelve more are under construction.

Repairs until next Monday.

London and South-east

M1 London: contraflow, jns 4-5 (Edgware/Harrow); southbound entry and northbound exit slips, jn 5 closed.
M25 Surrey: contraflow, jns 11-13 (Chertsey/Staines).
M11 Essex: contraflow, jns 8-9 (Stansted/A11).
M2 Kent: roadworks, jns 4-6 (Gillingham/Faversham); contraflow, jn 5 (Sittingbourne).
A282 Kent: closed, jn 1A (between the M25 and the Dartford tunnel) clockwise overnight Thursday, anti-clockwise overnight Saturday.
M40 Buckinghamshire: contraflow, jns 6-7 (Watlington/Thame) westbound slip closures, jn 7 (A329).
M40 Berkshire and Bucks: lane closures, both directions, jns 1-5 (Slough/Stokenchurch).

Midlands

M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflows, jns 4-4a (Bromsgrove/M42), jns 5-6 (Droitwich/Worcester north).
M6 West Midlands: lane closures, jns 6-7 (spaghetti jn area); southbound entry, jn 7, closed 7am-10am daily.

North

M6 Cheshire: lane closures, jns 16-17 (Kidsgrove/Sandbach); southbound entry, jn 17, closed.
M62 Greater Manchester: lane restrictions, jns 21-22 (A640/A672), 50mph limit.
M62 West Yorkshire: lane closures, contraflow, jns 24-25 (Huddersfield/Halifax).
M63 Greater Manchester: contraflow, jns 3-6 (Barton Dock Estate/A6144); roadworks, Barton Bridge; contraflow, jns 12-13 (A5145/ A560).
M65 Lancashire: roadworks at end of the motorway (Nelson).

Wales and the West

M4 Gwent: lane restrictions, jns 24-25 (Newport).
M5 Somerset: lane restrictions, jns 22-26 (Burnham/Wellington).
M5 Gloucestershire: contraflow, jns 9-11 (Tewkesbury/Gloucester).

Scotland

M8 Lothian: contraflow, jns 3-4 (Livingstone/Bathgate).
M74 Strathclyde: contraflow, south of jn 4 (M73); contraflow, jns 7-8 (A72/A71); contraflows, jn 12 (A74).
M9 Central: northbound lane closures, jns 8-11 (M876/A9).
M90 Fife: northbound carriageway, single lane, jn 1 (A90).

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Hospital kitchens still failing to meet hygiene standards

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Hundreds of hospitals in England and Wales are failing to meet food hygiene standards, and more than 100 have been found to have "significant" pest infestations in their kitchens, according to a survey published today.

Standards are generally higher than 18 months ago when Crown immunity was lifted in respect of hospital kitchens and they became open to prosecution, but many problems still have to be overcome, the Institution of Environmental Health Officers says in its report.

"While there have been improvements, they have not been dramatic and the process of bringing all National Health Service hospital kitchens up to the standard of the food hygiene regulations is an ongoing one", the report says.

The publication of the survey coincides with the prosecution in London today of Riverside Health Authority over the alleged infestation of cockroaches in kitchens at the 790-bed Charing Cross Hospital, central London.

The kitchens have been closed for four weeks since an emergency order was sought by environmental health officers who reported seeing the insects scuttling across the floor of the main kitchen area.

The health authority has been trying to eradicate the problem and is likely to launch a strong defence of itself against prosecution.

It could be fined up to £1,000 if it is convicted. Before February 1987, health authorities could deny inspectors access and could ignore any recommendations made to them by inspectors.

The survey by the institution covered 1,271 hospitals out of the total of about 2,000 in England and Wales, between April 1987 and March this year.

Only four health authorities had been prosecuted, resulting in two convictions so far and the imposition of fines totalling £3,000, but most of the problems were solved through consultation.

Inspectors reported 502 hospitals in which food handling areas were below statutory hygiene standards, a 6 per cent decrease on the previous year's survey, and significant pest infestations in 107, a decrease of 4 per cent.

In 377 hospitals, environmental health officers were not satisfied with some aspects of general temperature control or the cross-contamination risks linked to food storage and handling.

Evidence of the presence of rodents was found in 10 hospitals, compared with 19 cases the previous year.

"The lifting of Crown immunity has led to a welcome improvement in food hygiene standards. Many officers responding to this year's survey reported increased awareness of, and concern for, food hygiene", the report says.

More resources had been made available for new equipment and training, with greater co-operation at all levels. Nevertheless, there were still many problems to overcome before all kitchens were brought up to standard.

Mr Colin Thomson, acting divisional environmental health officer for Hammersmith and Fulham borough, which is prosecuting Riverside Health Authority, said: "There is no doubt that lifting Crown immunity means we can better enforce hygiene laws".

Race to save old conservatory



Mrs Bryony Nierop-Reading, of the Victorian Society, standing in front of a large Grade II listed conservatory at Whittingham Hospital in Norwich, which may be demolished unless £70,000 is raised for urgent repairs. The fund-raisers are only £6,400 short of their target but must raise the money before next month to save the building (Photograph: Alan Howard).

Career women growing force in home buying

Single career women are playing an increasing role in Britain's homebuying market, according to a survey.

The number of female homebuyers with the Nationwide Anglia Building Society has doubled in the past 13 years to nearly one in five, and almost 70 per cent are single.

However, they earn less than their male counterparts and tend to opt for older, cheaper properties.

The society's survey says the average income of its women borrowers is £12,704, a 12 per cent rise in two years. In Scotland and Northern Ireland, up to 65 per cent are first-time buyers, with 48 per cent in England and Wales.

Mr Brian Whitfield, Nationwide Anglia general manager, said: "These figures prove the growing importance of women in the mortgage lending market.

"Despite lower incomes generally, a large proportion of women are determined to seek and buy a home of their own without the help of a partner. It's a trend which I'm sure we will see increasing in the coming months."

Meanwhile, home prices are predicted to slow down in the autumn because of higher interest rates and the end of extra tax relief for joint mortgages.

The Mortgage Corporation, a lending company, says nationwide increases should be about 22 per cent by the end of the year, compared with 28 per cent in the 12 months up to July this year.

Top grade farmland is falling to builders

By John Young

The Government is criticized today for failing to protect the best farmland from development and for doing little to meet the need for low-cost rural housing.

Applications to develop green field sites have reached record levels, says the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Last year those referred to the Ministry of Agriculture covered more than 25,000 hectares (62,000 acres), equal to the combined area of Coventry, Ipswich, Oxford and Salford.

Yet the ministry objected to fewer than one in 20 and agreed to development on more grade one farmland than it opposed. "The Government's policy of protecting the best land is not being fulfilled", the report says.

Its loss was, with few exceptions, irreversible, and analysis showed that most was developed for residential, industrial and transport purposes.

Such development pushes house prices beyond the reach of local people, a separate report by Action With Communities in Rural England (ACRE) and the Centre for Rural Studies at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, says.

WHITEHALL BRIEF
by David Walker

Quiet revolution for royal palaces

The most popular historic building in Britain is run, not by private enterprise, but Civil Servants.

The Tower of London — which was the building topping the popularity list last year — and Hampton Court Palace are run by Civil Servants and not passed to, say, Brent Walker or the National Trust, because as royal palaces they require "extreme sensitivity".

That means the wishes of the Queen have to be taken into account. However obvious privatization might appear to some as the way to stop palaces wholly open to the public from costing public money, it is equally obvious *la reine ne le veult*.

That fact of life has landed Mrs Janey Turton, the under-secretary in charge of parks and palaces, with an impure job. The palaces, excluding those in use by the Royal family, are likely next year to become an agency, run by a chief executive.

The chief executive will be expected to supply gung-ho management to the Beefeaters and keepers of the Hampton maze while they and she remain Civil Servants, responsive to political dictates as well as the market.

The palaces' chief executive may look to Lord Montague of Beaulieu for tips on how to run the catering and car parks. But when it comes to a sensitive subject, such as pollarding the limes in the palace park, she may have to surrender managerial prerogatives and refer the decision upwards to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, for the political go ahead.

What will happen when the chief executive of the royal palaces wants to vary admission charges, for example, to give the citizens of Tower Hamlets, east London, reduced rates so that the Bangladeshi children in their midst can learn a bit more about the history of the nation in which they are growing up? Mr Ridley will have to decide again.

No one is proposing admission charges to the royal parks. However, the palaces are potentially commercial propositions. Mrs Turton, speaking in her office at the Department of Environment, squashes the idea that they are just another tourist attraction, a mere coach stop on the way to Madame Tussaud's.

However, in the next breath, she is worrying about the £15 million or so gap between the revenues at the turnstiles and the cost of upkeep. She implies that the gap means an unfair subsidy for the three million visitors a year.

Mrs Turton is a non-executive director of the Woolwich Building Society (several Department of Environment Civil Servants occupy such roles in private companies) and from the Woolwich she hopes to import a number of ideas on inflating the corporate identity of the palaces.

She speaks of an untapped well of enthusiasm among the staff who have been prevented by Civil Service restrictions from making a full personal contribution. There is to be training in customer relations, better marketing, the use of consultants in design, and leadership.

A motoring analogy appeals to her. "It will be like turning an elderly Rover into a posh Jaguar without taking the car off the road."

However, her hands will not be entirely free to make changes. Sponsor a raven; rent the banqueting hall at Hampton for a corporate bash? "There is a borderline on what is acceptable, even in the unoccupied royal palaces", she said.

Anglers in danger from rat disease

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Anglers and water sports enthusiasts in Britain are at growing risk from a killer infection spread by rats and other rodents, according to a *senior environmental* health officer.

Unless the infection, Weil's disease, is treated promptly in hospital with antibiotics, it can cause kidney and liver failure. The first symptoms are headaches, high temperature and severe energy loss.

After the death from the disease of Donald Davidson, aged 30, a creel fisherman, of High Ormelie, Thurso, Caithness, the local health authority is the first to campaign against the bacterium.

Mr David Proudfoot, environmental health officer at Thurso, said anglers and canoeists were at high risk of catching the infection from mud in slow-moving rivers and estuaries.

Wedding ban in church

By Craig Seton

Marriage ceremonies have been banned in a new £3.5 million church because only a door separates it from a retirement home.

The office of the Registrar General has ruled that the Ladywood Christian Centre, built by Elim Pentecostalists in Birmingham, contravenes the 153-year-old Places of Worship Act. Facilities at the centre include a day care unit and an old people's home linked to the church.

The Rev Richard Lighton, pastor of the new church, has been told that the regulations for non-Anglican and Roman Catholic churches require that buildings registered for marriages must be principally places of worship.

"As an old people's home cannot be regarded as a place of worship, it follows that the Registrar General is unable to accept the application", he was told.

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Mandela illness sparks anxieties about upsurge of black violence

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The jailed former leader of the African National Congress, Nelson Mandela, was said last night to be "responding to treatment" for a serious lung infection in Tygerberg Hospital, near Cape Town.

A bulletin released by the superintendent of the hospital, Dr J. G. L. Strauss, said that a histological examination had "revealed no evidence of malignancy", but had shown Mandela to be suffering from "a chronic inflammatory condition of the pleura", the membrane lining the lungs.

"He is at present receiving appropriate medical treatment for this infection. Mr Mandela is responding to treatment. He is without pain or discomfort and has shown a noticeable improvement since his admission," he said.

Although the hospital's statement seems to indicate that Mandela, who turned 70 on July 18, is in no immediate danger of dying, his condition is causing intense concern here. Medical opinion is that he could be suffering from tuberculosis.

If he were to die while in custody, the consequences for the Government would be very difficult to predict. Even with the country under a state of emergency and many black political activists in jail, the security forces might have difficulty controlling widespread riots and violence.

Judging by the near-canonization over the past decade of Steve Biko, a much lesser figure, a dead Mandela would quickly acquire a martyr's status of unprecedented proportions.

His death would also remove from the scene the one leader who might be able to unite South Africa's quarrelling black nationalist factions and, at some point in the future, offer a figure with whom the Government might negotiate a peaceful transition to multiracial rule.

As Mandela was being wheeled into the operating theatre on Saturday morning for a biopsy and to have fluid drained from his left lung, a limpet mine exploded in a crowded shopping mall in a well-to-do northern Johannesburg suburb. It was spotted before it went off and only two shoppers and a black security guard were injured.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, immediately blamed the bombing on the ANC, but neither it nor any other organization has yet claimed responsibility.

If an ANC agent did plant the bomb, it would be further evidence of how far the organization has departed from the original concept of the "armed struggle" outlined by Mandela at his trial 24 years ago.

In a speech from the dock, he said that strict instructions were given to ANC guerrillas "that on no account were they to injure or kill people . . . Had we intended to attack life we would have selected targets where people congregated and not empty buildings and power stations".

A faction within the Cabinet has for some years advocated releasing Mandela from Pollsmoor Prison, near Cape Town, where he is presently serving a life sentence for sabotage. Until 1983 he was held on Robben Island. Three years ago Mandela had an operation for the removal of an enlarged prostate gland.

There was speculation then that he was to be released on compassionate grounds. But the "hawks" in the Cabinet prevailed.

One problem for the Government is that there is not a great deal of point in releasing Mandela unless the ban on his organization is also lifted, since he would certainly not be prepared voluntarily to accept any restraints on his political activity.

If the ANC remained an illegal organization, the Government would probably be forced to place a released Mandela under the same kind of restrictions as Mr Govan Mbeki, another elderly ANC veteran, who was let out of jail last November. To the outside world and domestic black opinion, that would not look very different from continued imprisonment.

Mandela was reported at the time to have made a good recovery from his prostate gland operation. Since then it is understood that he has been kept in the hospital wing of Pollsmoor Prison. This would make tuberculosis all the more surprising, since such a condition would normally be caused by neglect or lack of proper food.

Mrs Winnie Mandela, Mandela's wife, was said to be "shocked" by her husband's condition after visiting him at the weekend, but she had no further comment on her visit.

Mr Mandela's lawyer, Mr Ismail Ayob, who visited him in prison on July 28, told *The Times* yesterday: "He did not look at all well to me, though he insisted that he felt all right. He admitted losing 5 kilos (11 lb)in weight. His skin was hanging rather loosely and he had blotches on his face."

The 600,000-member youth brigade of the Inkatha organization of the Zulu leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, called yesterday at its annual conference for the release of Mandela, and resolved "to help take his name out of party politics and establish him as a symbol of reconciliation".

Aquino ignores call to quit



President Aquino of the Philippines, shrugging off calls for her resignation, crowning the icon of Our Lady of Fatima during a celebration to mark the International Marian Year at a Roman Catholic university in Manila yesterday. The badly-organized opposition in the Philippines has launched a new campaign to remove her from office, including a call at the weekend for her to resign from Vice-President Salvador Laurel (Humphrey Hawksley writes).

In a four-page letter delivered to the presidential palace, Mr Laurel said that the Philippines needed a leadership which could swiftly and decisively effect reforms and that it was time to tell the people that the presidency itself needed a higher level of competence.

Mr Laurel and Mrs Aquino have never seen eye to eye. Even in the campaign to overthrow the former President, Mr Ferdinand Marcos, Mr Laurel became a reluctant vice-presidential candidate, his ambition overpowered by Mrs Aquino's popularity. He complains that his advice has been ignored since Mrs Aquino's victory, and he resigned from the Cabinet last September when the Government was still recovering from an abortive coup attempt.

He tried to build a constituency among restless troops by saying that he would address their grievances and, although he denies it, he has been seen since as an opposition figure. His resignation demand will almost certainly be ignored, not least because Mr Laurel is considered to be a spent political force.

Mrs Aquino, apparently unruffled, responded to his attack by saying that on two occasions — when her Government was threatened by military rebellions — she had asked for Mr Laurel's support, but he had not been prepared to give it.

Pretoria wary of revealing nuclear strength

From Our Own Correspondent, Johannesburg

The assertion by South Africa's Foreign Minister, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, in Vienna at the weekend that his country has "the capability to make the (atom) bomb should we want to", has intensified, rather than clarified, the ambiguity surrounding Pretoria's nuclear intentions.

Mr Botha disclosed nothing that was not already widely known or suspected — although it is believed to be the first time that a cabinet minister has made such a public statement — and he carefully refrained from saying whether South Africa had actually produced a bomb.

The Foreign Minister made the comment at a press conference on Saturday after talks in Vienna with senior American, British and Soviet officials on the possibility of Pretoria's agreeing to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which would require all South Africa's nuclear facilities to be opened to international inspection.

Mr Botha said that his Government supported the objectives of the treaty — to stop the spread of nuclear weapons — but he did not say whether Pretoria was any closer to signing it as a result of the talks held in Vienna, at the headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Nuclear experts have agreed for some time that South Africa could make a nuclear bomb, if it had not already done so. There is less agreement about why Pretoria should want to possess such a weapon or about the circumstances in which it might plausibly use it.

An official in the Department of Foreign Affairs in Pretoria concerned with nuclear proliferation, Mr Eric de Montille, recently told the American *Newsweek* magazine: "If you have a nuclear power plant, you have the capability (to make a nuclear bomb). But who are we going to use it against? The African National Congress?"

That is a valid question. Nuclear weapons would obviously be useless against internal insurrection, and even Pretoria, it is presumed, would not consider using a nuclear weapon on ANC bases in neighbouring countries. Nor is it under nuclear threat from any of those states or ever likely to be.

The only possible scenario might be one in which Pretoria felt it necessary to resort to nuclear weapons as a last defence against a mass invasion of its borders. That might be an option South Africa would want to keep open, though its conventional armed forces would seem for the foreseeable future more than capable of warding off any conceivable threat.

It is perhaps significant that the first signs that South Africa might be developing nuclear weapons were detected in the late 1970s, when the collapse of Portuguese power in Angola and Mozambique, and of white rule in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), had left Pretoria feeling encircled and vulnerable.

South Africa has placed the two reactors at its French-built Koeberg nuclear power station, near Cape Town, under IAEA safeguards. This means that the plutonium produced as a by-product cannot be diverted and used undetected for weapons.

But the South Africans have so far refused to permit international inspection of their uranium-enrichment plant at Valindaba outside Pretoria, as they would be obliged to do if they were to sign the non-proliferation treaty. Highly enriched uranium is an alternative to plutonium as a material for nuclear bombs.

A cynical view is that Pretoria can now afford to sign the treaty because it has already developed a nuclear-weapons capability and has probably stockpiled enough enriched uranium to build up to 20 primitive bombs. There would be nothing to stop it later withdrawing from the treaty and using this material.

One reason for signing the treaty now would be to avoid the total suspension of South Africa from IAEA membership, which black African states have been urging for years, on the ground that Pretoria is secretly making nuclear bombs and because of its apartheid policy.

Pretoria lost its seat on the board of governors of the IAEA and its right to attend the agency's annual conference in the late 1970s. Total expulsion would be serious, since the IAEA offers valuable access to international nuclear technology and expertise.

WORLD ROUNDUP

New threat from swollen Nile

Torrential rain and thunderstorms over the weekend swelled the Nile in Sudan and threatened to hamper efforts by relief officials to help two million Sudanese left homeless after nearly 10 days of flooding (Nicholas Beeston writes). In Khartoum the river rose six inches over the weekend, only 2½ ft short of the record floods level of 1946, and prompted Sudanese officials to appeal for more emergency aid. "If we measure the total of affected people, we feel the aid is very little," the Sudanese Finance Minister, Mr Omar Nour al-Dayem, said at the weekend.

Since the disaster occurred Sudan has received 85 planeloads of emergency relief amounting to 1,200 tons of aid, two-fifths donated by Saudi Arabia.

One man gets blame

Washington — American officials, reviewing the shooting down of the Iranair Airbus by the USS Vincennes in the Gulf, have recommended disciplinary action only against the operations officer of the ship (Mohsin Ali writes). *The Washington Post* says the report concludes that human error led to the misidentification of the airliner.

The general conclusion of the report is that a number of human errors led to the misidentification of the airliner as an Iranian F14 jet fighter after it took off from Bandar Abbas in Iran. There was no significant malfunction in the performance of the high-technology Aegis radar tracking and identification systems on the Vincennes.

MiGs at air show

Moscow (Reuter) — *Pravda* yesterday unveiled to the Soviet public the MiG 29 fighter, one of the most advanced combat aircraft in the Kremlin arsenal. The daily printed a photograph of the needle-nosed twin-jet fighter, and said that the aircraft, known to Nato as the Fulcrum, would be presented at the Farnborough Air Show early next month.

It described the MiG 29 as a fourth-generation military jet developed to match the American F 16 Falcon advanced fighter, saying that it was superior to the F 16 in a number of respects. *Pravda* said that two MiG 29s — said by Western defence analysts to have been in squadron use since 1985 — would be flown to Britain by Soviet test pilots.

Cairo mosque arrests

Cairo — Fifty-nine alleged Islamic extremists were yesterday charged with attempted murder and other offences after two days of disturbances in the poor north-eastern Cairo suburb of Ain Shams (Andrew Lycett writes). Police have been conducting a nationwide security operation after the escape from prison on July 17 of three Muslim fundamentalists serving life terms for the 1981 assassination of President Sadat. Two have been subsequently killed in shoot-outs with the security forces. The third has been arrested.

Acting on a tip-off, police on Friday evening surrounded a mosque where fundamentalists were reportedly holding a meeting on the eve of the Muslim new year.

Castro drugs solution



President Castro of Cuba, left, said at the weekend that Latin America must find its own formula for tackling drug trafficking, adding in a clear reference to the United States that "it must not be imposed from outside" (Our Foreign Staff writes).

His comments came after a meeting of Latin American leaders in Quito, the Ecuadorean capital, where he spoke with President Barco of Colombia, the country at the hub of South America's cocaine business. Dr Castro has denied US charges that Cuba facilitates drug smuggling.

Unease tinged with nostalgia as Republicans face end of Reagan era

Bush braced for his make-or-break test

From Michael Binyon, New Orleans

The Republican national convention begins today in a mood of unease, tinged with nostalgia, among the 2,277 delegates.

As they meet in the vast Superdome, the Republicans are full of grim determination to cut back the large lead of Governor Michael Dukakis, the Democratic candidate for the White House.

But there is also palpable concern that Vice-President George Bush may not be able, at this four-day gathering, to galvanize the party, properly define himself and his ideas, or emerge from the shadow of President Reagan.

There is also a sense here that an era is over, that the euphoria of the past eight years has now ended, and that Republicans face a tough job to hang on to the White House amid signs that America is looking for political change.

Nostalgia for the Reagan era will be heightened when the immensely popular President arrives here today for a farewell address that is guaranteed a thunderous ovation and is certain to dominate the convention for the next few days. A film celebrating the President's achievements is said in advance to be so sweeping in its emotional appeal that it may make it more difficult for anyone to accept the reality that Mr Reagan is now leaving.

Mr Bush, who will not arrive until tomorrow, knows that his speech of acceptance is the most critical address of his long political life. Yesterday he was working on the final text. Expectations are already high that he must match, if not surpass, Mr Dukakis if he is to leave any kind of lasting stamp on the convention.

President Reagan is clearly determined to do what he can to transfer his mantle to his loyal lieutenant. In his weekly radio address, he went over the themes that the Republicans will sound all week.

"What's at stake for me in this election is my love for America and my dreams for her future," he said. "And that's what my support for Vice-President Bush comes down to. You see, George Bush understands that the question for America today is not 'What's different?' but 'What's next?'." Mr Reagan derided the Democrats, saying: "While they talk, we deliver."



He insisted that Democratic cuts in his military budget would "set back our nation's defences severely", while their opposition to aid for the Nicaraguan Contras "would surely permit the Communists to consolidate their power".

Mr Bush has been trying to focus the spotlight on himself and maintain interest in the convention by deliberately allowing suspense to build up over his choice of a vice-presidential running mate.

Furious speculation continued to swirl through the delegates' hotels and in all the television discussions over Mr Bush's choice. Conservative delegates were vociferous in insisting that their wing of the party, now the ideological bedrock of Republicanism, must be satisfied with a man who stiffened the conservative credentials of the ticket.

They expressed concern that Senator Robert Dole, tipped as a leading candidate, would be too moderate, and continued to voice doubts that the Vice-President had dropped his earlier Eastern Establishment moderation.

Senator Alan Simpson, of Wyoming, one of those said also to be on the short list, yesterday appeared to rule himself out, saying that he would be a liability to the ticket because of many past statements questioning Republican sacred cows. He again courted controversy by saying on television he was sure the party would have to raise taxes within the next four years, despite Mr Bush's insistence that he would not do so.

Mr Simpson, a close friend of the Vice-President, said he had not been asked for any further information about his background, though he would be talking to Mr Bush several times in the next few days.

A poll yesterday in *The New York Times* showed that the delegates to the convention are a very conservative group, considerably to the right of many voters in the country. They have strongly supported the conservative planks of the platform, which was finally approved at the weekend, and were likely to go out and campaign on positions very similar to those that successfully underpinned Mr Reagan's two winning campaigns.

A main theme of the convention will be to answer the Democrats' taunt at their Atlanta convention of "Where was George?" Already campaign strategy is planned to do so with the riposte "Who's Mike?" Mr Lee Atwater, the Bush campaign manager, said: "The fact is that Michael Dukakis is the new kid on the block, and people don't know anything about him. Even after his convention is over, they still don't know anything about him."

At the same time, strategists hope that Mr Bush will be able to undercut the Democrats' claims of competence and moderation by portraying them as old-fashioned, big-spending liberals, out of touch with the mood of the country.

Mr Bush gave a series of lengthy television interviews over the weekend. Asked in one about his economic policies, he voiced strong opposition to protectionist legislation, insisted the US economy had enough growth to give him budget flexibility without raising taxes, and said that, though he did not want interest rates to go any higher, there had occasionally to be some "fine tuning".

Mr Bush said he did not favour subsidies or protectionism in the face of foreign trade competition, but he wanted "the toughest possible negotiations" to stop unfair competition by Japan and Europe, and he would resort to "laser-like retaliation" if necessary. He would reduce regulation to make American industry more competitive.

Mr. Dukakis, meanwhile, was on holiday at the weekend in Cape Cod, in his native Massachusetts. He denounced on Saturday a claim by a combat pilot that Mr Bush had given a false version of his shooting down over the Pacific in 1944. "This is a man who flew 58 missions, a man of great courage, great valour," Mr Dukakis said, referring to Mr Bush.

He called the story in the *New York Post* last week "unwarranted, very unfortunate". The former airman said that Mr Bush had baled out instead of saving his crew and that his plane was never on fire. Mr Bush's press office called the story absurd.

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'General Lee' makes way for the image-enhancers

From Our Own Correspondent, New Orleans

Mr Lee Atwater, the sharp, smart, hard-driving manager of Mr George Bush's presidential campaign, enjoys warfare — its strategies, sorties and deadly assaults. His office is decorated with pictures of Confederate generals — Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee. He carries a well-thumbed copy of Clausewitz in his luggage. He relishes the secrecy of trench warfare as much as the surprise of Southern attack.

But the man who conducted a brilliant blitzkrieg in the primaries, routing Mr Bush's opponents almost effortlessly, is about to be replaced. The guerrilla leader is thought now to be a bit too fierce, a bit too wild, for an extended national campaign. Instead the Bush army will be headed by more seasoned political generals, Mr James Baker, the former Treasury Secretary, and Mr Paul Laxalt, a former senator, who take over this week.

Mr Atwater, a 37-year-old native of South Carolina who once wanted only to be a wrestler or a guitar player, is undoubtedly the most successful, feared and respected of the political operators in this election. His strategy is simple: accentuate the negative. He has made a speciality of negative campaigning — finding and emphasizing an opponent's weaknesses — even choosing that subject as his doctoral thesis at the University of South Carolina.

"He is a prime practitioner of attack politics," one political scientist observed. And Mr Atwater's victims, Senator Robert Dole and the Rev Pat Robertson among others, can testify to his deadly attacks: the "Senator Straddle" television advertisement that ended Mr Dole's hopes in New Hampshire; the mysterious publicity surrounding Mr Jimmy Swaggart that effectively killed Mr Robertson's credibility.

In the war against Mr Michael Dukakis, Mr Atwater sees his role as telling American voters what is wrong with the Massachusetts governor — reminding them of the economic troubles under President Carter, emphasizing foreign policy naivety, tagging him repeatedly with the "liberal label". "Dukakis is exactly what the Democratic Party is — a North-Eastern, Kennedy-O'Neill liberal," says Mr Atwater. "We're very lucky to have him."

And with Mr Bush trailing by 10 points in the polls, the Atwater assaults are now being stepped up. He knows from long political observation that the underdog can win only by biting. Although Mr Bush has high negatives, raising the negative rating of Mr Dukakis can even up the balance.

Few Republicans quarrel with this approach, but many are muttering that negative campaigns work only after the attacking candidate has given voters a positive image of himself. And Mr Bush, at the moment, has all the definition of a bean-bag chair.

Mr Atwater learnt his trade in his native South. While in college he served an internship in Senator Strom Thurmond's office. He worked among college students in the 1972 Nixon campaign, then ran two losing statewide campaigns in South Carolina in 1974. By the age of 22 he was already managing an entire state campaign.

In 1980 he was the Southern regional co-ordinator of the Reagan campaign, becoming a senior national official in the 1984 race. Mr Bush first noticed him in 1974; took an interest in the young political adviser, and even lent him a boat to help him woo a girl on the Potomac.

Mr Atwater subsequently married the suitably impressed date. Mr Bush subsequently picked the now fiercely loyal adviser as his own campaign strategist.

They make an odd combination. Mr Bush, the gentlemanly, established and soft-spoken candidate; Mr Atwater, the irreverent, frenetic outsider who likes to twit the Establishment and pick on his opponents' weakest spot. Mr Atwater is forever on the move, full of nervous energy. He likes to stir things up. He douses almost everything that he eats in hot pepper sauce.

But while oozing good-ol'-boy charm, a feint to put others off guard, Mr Atwater brings an intensity and razor-sharp intelligence to his job that has done much to streamline the Bush organization, keep it disciplined and on its toes.

He holds a degree in history, a Master's degree in communications, and says he will finish his doctoral dissertation on presidential campaigns after the election.

He became a Republican partly because the Establishment in South Carolina was all Democrat and he was anti-Establishment.

His competitiveness, however, has involved him in tactics that go to the edge of dirty politics: using rumour and innuendo to get out a damaging message without leaving fingerprints.

"I play to win," he said recently. "But I play by the rules." This did not mean winning at all costs. "You have to follow a code. If you don't you're going to get burnt and your candidate is going to get burnt."

This worked well in the primary free-for-all, but the "confrontational" campaign against Mr Dukakis has begun to backfire. Exploitation of the mental health rumour was a damaging mistake. Mr Bush's attempts to belittle Mr Dukakis seem not to have stuck.

Mr Atwater has frittered away his early advantage by leaving Mr Bush out of the spotlight. He has failed to bring Mr Bush out of President Reagan's shadow, nor has he properly projected Mr Bush's strengths: decency, experience and the Republican success in key areas like the economy and foreign policy. Mr Atwater preferred to fight rather than project. He and Mr Bush have not found the campaign's proper relationship with President Reagan.

This will change with the advent of Mr Baker and Mr Laxalt. Mr Atwater will still be there: all campaigns need a seasoned fighter. But guerrilla leaders do not necessarily make the best generals.

Vancouver, Washington (Reuter) — The Burgerville USA fast-food chain has cancelled an advertisement depicting President Reagan after it received calls complaining it was in poor taste, a company official said at the weekend. A caption beneath a picture of the President apparently snoozing and wearing headphones said: "You can usually tell when someone skips breakfast."

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Seoul threatens crackdown on left

From Gavin Bell
Seoul

A South Korean government minister has suggested that the ruling Democratic Justice Party may try to rewrite the Constitution after the Olympics to control students and opposition leaders who are "fuelling left-wing ideologies".

Mr Kim Yong Kap, the Minister of Government Administration, spoke of his party's anger and frustration at the weekend as students held further violent demonstrations nationally.

Mr Kim told reporters that the Government could not control the students as long as the National Assembly was dominated by opposition parties which supported them. It might be forced to conduct a plebiscite on amending the Constitution to restore the President's powers to dissolve the assembly.

"The present political situation, marked by opposition strength, is fuelling left-wing ideologies," he said. "Some opposition politicians are inciting the student radicals .... Should the current trend continue, the Government will have to make a firm decision after the Olympics."

The democratic Constitution, promulgated last October, curtails the hitherto authoritarian powers of the chief executive and strengthens those of Parliament and the judiciary. Any move to change it would be resisted by the opposition parties, and probably by the majority of electors who support them.

Mr Kim, formerly a senior executive of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, may be regarded as a hardliner in the Cabinet, but informed sources said his remarks reflected a widespread sentiment in his party. He said that he had raised the issue at a Cabinet meeting last Thursday and ministers had agreed that tough action against the students was necessary.

His comments were condemned by the three opposition parties, which control the National Assembly. The Party for Peace and Democracy said that the sentiments were inspired by partisan interests and strategy, while the New Democratic Republican Party said they were absurd.

Mr Kim's outburst was directed principally at students who have been agitating for reunification talks with North Korea, and the withdrawal of US forces.

However, it was clear that he was equally annoyed by the manner in which the opposition has been flexing its new political muscle in Parliament. Earlier this month it infuriated the DJP by passing a motion banning the former President, Mr Chun Doo Hwan, his wife and 14 of their relatives from leaving the country pending investigations into alleged corruption.

The ruling party was further incensed by a motion last Friday which requires Mr Chun's predecessor, Mr Choi Kyu Hah, to testify before an assembly panel on the deaths of 200 in an anti-government uprising in Kwangju in 1980.

On the same day President Roh Tae Woo said the Government would deal "resolutely" with student activists. "If this goes on, the Seoul Olympics will be wrecked," he said.

More than 100 police and students have been injured since the fresh wave of protests began in Seoul and provincial cities last week. As they continued yesterday, police said 2,500 students had been arrested, of whom about 400 are still in custody.

The most severe clashes are expected today when thousands of students plan to march to the border for a meeting with North Korean students at Panmunjom.



Students lying on the ground while singing an anti-government song during a rally at Yonsei University in Seoul yesterday.

Crisis in Burma

Protest leaders keep up the pressure for change

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

After their uprising against the Government last week, the Burmese people yesterday cremated their dead and waited tensely for the meeting of the People's Assembly on Friday, when their rulers will disclose measures to heal the wounds caused by the rebellion in which probably more than 1,000 people were killed.

The meeting will choose a successor to President Sein Lwin, who was forced out of office last Friday, but neither that decision nor others to deal with the national crisis are awaited with optimism.

Doubts about the Army's loyalty will determine the next moves. U Sein Lwin had to go largely because soldiers began to refuse to obey orders to shoot and in places even defected altogether.

The tone of government statements is still extremely hostile to the demonstrators and they contain no hint of compromise. On the other side there is bitter hatred for the regime, which has ruled without opposition for 26 years.

Some instances of brutality by the security forces will never be forgotten, particularly the killing of small children and of Buddist monks and the gunning down of people who were waiting to donate their blood for the wounded.

In Rangoon, hospitals are filled with wounded, more than 300 in the general hospital alone. They cannot be given adequate treatment because blood, drugs, even bandages are scarce.

The capital's Insein Prison is a tightly packed. Several thousand demonstrators were arrested last week. Local people are pushing into hospitals and temples and waiting outside the prison for news of the missing.

Western residents speaking by telephone from Rangoon yesterday said that outwardly the city was calm and returning to normal, but new wall posters and leaflets had appeared urging the public to keep up pressure on the Government.

Anti-government groups have sent members all over Burma to tell people of the continuing campaign and urging them to keep protesting. A Western diplomat said: "Everyone seems committed to a fight to the finish."

The dissidents say they will not call off their campaign until the dissolution of the Socialist Programme Party, which has ruled since 1962, and new leaders are found elsewhere.

Other conditions include the release of thousands of demonstrators arrested last week and in the March and June riots; the punishment of soldiers and policemen guilty of atrocities; and immediate increases in food supplies and wages. Diplomats who have kept contact with the Government say there may be early concessions to raise living standards and to give people freedom to travel, speak their minds and read uncensored newspapers.

They do not, however, expect free elections with several parties running for office or any reduction in the power and privileges of the ruling party.

The wrong choice for the leadership at Friday's meeting could be the spark to cause more bloodshed. Anti-government groups say they will not accept any of the retired military officers who have been in power, but it does not seem possible yet for any outsider to take over.

The most likely new leader is U Sein Lwin's deputy, U Aye Ko, who was an army officer and official under the former strongman, General Ne Win. He is seen as able, but condemned for living like a king in a deprived nation.

Another possibility is U Kyaw Htin, said to be a soldier's soldier, but whose capacity for national leadership is doubted. The present Prime Minister, U Tun Tin, and his predecessor, U Maung Maung Kha, have the economic and technical expertise to turn Burma to a more prosperous path, but they may lack the party support needed for the top job.

Belgrade bolsters police power in troubled Kosovo

By Our Foreign Staff

Yugoslavia's state presidency in Belgrade has ruled that a federal police unit stationed in Kosovo since last October to thwart ethnic strife in the restive province may take direct action to ensure security in the region, newspapers reported yesterday.

The papers said that the presidency had ruled that the federal police unit would help Kosovo police "in direct carrying out of security duties, particularly protecting personal security and property of citizens".

The decision, taken at a meeting of the presidency on Saturday, was based on a proposal by the Federal Secretariat for the Interior, the papers said. A federal police report published last week claimed that "Albanian nationalists" were causing ethnic strife in the troubled province and proposed tougher security measures.

The new move came as the Yugoslav constitutional crisis moved to a head with the Serbian party leader, Mr Slobodan Milosevic, flouting pleas by Yugoslavia's highest authority, the presidencies of state and party, to halt public demonstrations.

Relying entirely on the massive support of the Serbs, for whom the plight of their fellow Serbs in the predominantly Albanian populated Kosovo region is a highly emotional issue, Mr Milosevic has unleashed an unprecedented pressure campaign, with a series of organized and noisy demonstrations moving from town to town and calling for the removal of local regional leaders and for tough measures to confront the Albanian separatism there.

Last month the Yugoslav Central Committee issued a call for all public pressure to be halted to improve the political climate, especially in Kosovo, where the Serbs are calling for the dismissal of Albanian politicians and demanding that the region be put under direct control from Belgrade.

Last week, however, in response to such a call, a mass demonstration was staged in Nova Pozova, a small town in Vojvodina region, at which several thousand Serbs gave vent to their nationalist feelings and urged the imposition of martial law in Kosovo to safeguard Serbs.

At the demonstration speakers raised the question of the responsibility of Yugoslavia's former leader, Marshal Tito, which indicated that, while Mr Milosevic obviously enjoys Serbian support, it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep the movement under control.

The decision to allow the paramilitary unit to play a greater role is unlikely to stop the Serbs from demanding that jurisdiction in security and defence affairs be extended to Serbia, which is one of the things for which Mr Milosevic has been pressing as part of constitutional reforms aimed at linking the two provinces closely to Serbia. In fact, such constitutional reform would amount to abolition of autonomy.

With his eye on the autumn Central Committee meeting, which must take a stand on a number of issues on which it has been unable to agree up to now, the Serbian leader sees his purpose served by continuing pressure.

The federal authorities have so far shown themselves powerless to stop the ever more intransigent public demonstrations of Serbian nationalism. Moreover, repeated calls to the Serbian press, which is wholly under Mr Milosevic's thumb, have been to no avail.

Fighting escalates at halfway stage of Soviet withdrawal

Afghan rebel forces shell three towns

From A Correspondent, Moscow

Fourteen people were killed and 20 wounded in rebel attacks on the Afghan capital, Kabul, and two provincial towns, at the weekend as the pull-out of 115,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan reached its halfway stage.

In Kabul four women and one child were killed in three separate rocket attacks on Saturday night, according to Tass. Mujahidin guerrillas had also shelled the towns of Gardez and Khost in Afghanistan's eastern province of Paktia, the Soviet news agency said, adding that the Afghan Army had killed 30 rebels in a retaliatory sweep of the Khost area after the attack.

In further evidence of the spreading violence as Soviet troops withdraw, Tass said one of the Mujahidin leaders, Hadji Abdul Nabi, of the Islamic Party of Afghanistan, was killed in a clash with government troops in the province of Kunar, and 27 rebels were killed in Herat province.

Earlier, Tass reported that one Soviet officer was killed and two others seriously wounded in a rocket attack on Kabul airport.

A spokesman for the political department of the army unit defending the airport said 15 rockets had been fired at once, but none had hit its target. It was not clear when the attack had taken place.

Meanwhile, a senior Afghan general admitted that clashes between government and rebel forces were intensifying in areas being evacuated by the Russians.

The Chief of the Afghan General Staff, General Shah Nawaz Tanai, said in an interview with the Soviet Army newspaper, *Krasnaya Zvezda*, that there had been a "sharpening of the political and military struggle between national powers and opposition forces" in provinces bordering Pakistan, which he named as Badakhshan, Kunar, Nangarhar, Paktia, Paktika, Kandahar and Hilmand.

As if to illustrate the shakiness of the Government's hold when left to defend itself, Mujahidin guerrillas seized the provincial capital of Kunduz on Friday, as soon as Soviet troops had withdrawn.

Western sources in Kabul said at the weekend that a mortar and artillery battle was continuing round the city, just 40 miles south of the Soviet border. It was the first time that rebels have taken a large Afghan town since the troops withdrawal began in mid-May.

Diplomats said it was too early to say whether the Mujahidin would be able to hold the town permanently, but added that it would be a blow to the Afghan regime of President Najibullah if his troops failed to take it back.

The four-party Geneva accord on Afghanistan provides for a complete Soviet withdrawal by next February, with half the troops leaving by today. But Moscow radio yesterday indicated that the halfway stage would be reached one day early.

It quoted UN observers as saying that the Soviet Union was strictly adhering to the Geneva timetable.

"More and more army units are crossing the Soviet-Afghan border to proceed to their areas of permanent location in the USSR," the radio said. "The eastern, north-eastern and south-eastern provinces have no more Soviet soldiers left." *Krasnaya Zvezda* said Soviet troops had already left 25 of the 31 provinces.

● **WASHINGTON:** American officials have expressed concern that the millions of mines scattered in Afghanistan during the Soviet Army's eight-year occupation pose dangers that could delay the safe return of Afghan refugees (Mohsin Ali writes).

US estimates of the hidden landmines have varied anywhere from five million to 16 million and the US has asked the Russians for maps showing where they were planted.

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Kremlin green light for Solzhenitsyn books

From A Correspondent, Moscow

The Soviet State Publishing Committee has dropped a broad hint that some of the works of the once-reviled author, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, will be published in the Soviet Union.

Clearly referring to Solzhenitsyn's celebrated account of Stalin's labour camps, *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, the committee said that it was "up to individual publishing houses" to decide whether or not to reprint those of his works which had appeared earlier in the Soviet Union.

***Ivan Denisovich* was published in a magazine in 1962, but under the repressive cultural policies of the Brezhnev era the pages on which it appeared were cut out of library copies of the magazine.**

Solzhenitsyn himself became the Kremlin's arch-enemy, particularly after the publication abroad of his three-volume documentary on the camp system, *The Gulag Archipelago*.

This, too, may eventually be published in Russia, however. In its statement at the weekend, published in the newspaper *Trud*, the publishing committee merely said that the publication of those of Solzhenitsyn's works which have appeared abroad was not planned "at present".

It is believed that the chief problem here is that Soviet publishers must first obtain the copyright to the works, including the novels *Cancer Ward* and *The First Circle*, both of which were accepted for publication by Soviet journals before their author's disgrace.

Solzhenitsyn was exiled in 1974 and now lives in the United States. There are persistent but unconfirmed reports that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, has invited him to return to the Soviet Union.



Solzhenitsyn: Censored and exiled in the Brezhnev era.

Even without Solzhenitsyn, Soviet publishing is going through an unprecedented boom. The newspaper *Literaturnaya Gazeta* has run a series of interviews with the editors of the main literary monthlies about their plans for next year. They promise many evenings at home for the Russian intelligentsia who, as it is, complain that they can scarcely cope with the deluge of good literature now being printed.

The journal *Novy Mir*, one of the flagships of *glasnost*, plans to publish George Orwell's satire on Stalin's dictatorship, *1984*, and to continue its series of controversial articles on the Soviet system.

The dissident historian, Mr Roy Medvedev, is now fully rehabilitated, 19 years after being thrown out of the Communist Party for his study of Stalinism, *Let History Judge*. His biographies of Khrushchev and Brezhnev are to be published in the journal *Druzhba Narodov*, and his study of Stalin's henchmen, *All Stalin's Men*, is to appear in the youth magazine, *Yunost*, which will also bring out Vladimir Voinovich's brilliant satire about a hapless Soviet soldier in Stalin's Russia, *Ivan Chonkin*.

In sum, the publishing plans read like the lists of banned books that used to be issued to Soviet customs officials. But there is a problem. Subscriptions to the journals are strictly limited — which has the intelligentsia up in arms.

The limits on circulation are caused by the paper shortage, and in theory apply to all journals. But as Vitaly Korotich, the editor of the go-ahead weekly *Ogonyok*, says, they act in effect as a means of suppressing the most popular publications, while the circulations of less interesting (that is, more conservative) journals are kept artificially high.

Korotich sees it as a back-door move by conservatives to stem the flow of information. "Truth must not be in short supply — neither as a concept nor as a newspaper," he said.

Crimean Tatars step up campaign for return to homeland

Stalin demoted the Crimea from an autonomous republic to a region in 1945 because of its inhabitants' alleged co-operation with the Nazi occupying forces. The Tatars were deported to Uzbekistan after the Soviet reoccupation, and the Tatar language and culture were banned. It has been estimated that nearly half those deported starved to death in exile.

The Crimean Tatars are demanding the right to return to their homeland. May 18 was the 44th anniversary of their mass expulsion from Crimea. The following is a diary of key demonstrations and protests against the Crimean authorities since May:

May 16, Krasnodarsky Kray: Crimean Tartars were prevented from entering the Crimea. All roads into the region were patrolled by large numbers of militia.

May 17, Port Kavkaz, Krasnodarsky Kray: Thirty carloads of Crimean Tatars approached Port Kavkaz, east of the Kerch Strait, and demanded that they be allowed to enter the Crimea. Only 12 cars were allowed through and the rest were detained. One of the detained cars was carrying a pregnant woman, aged 20, Zaroma Veliyeve, who went into labour. The militia refused to call an ambulance or allow the car on to the ferry to go to the nearest maternity clinic, which was on the other side of the strait. The woman had to be taken to Temryuk, about 50 miles away. She lived, but her child died.

May 18, National Day of Mourning for Crimean Tatars: Demonstrations and meetings were held in almost every region of the Crimea. Flags carrying black ribbons were hoisted in many Tatar homes. In Abinsk, about 1,000 people attended a meeting, in Kymsk 1,500, in Samarkand about 4,000. Altogether 25,000 Crimean Tatars held demonstrations in 22 Soviet cities and villages.

Simferopol: Six hundred Crimean Tatars managed to hold a meeting, even though the entrance to the town was controlled by the militia, and Tatars were not allowed in.

Belogorsk: From morning the town's crossroads were patrolled by militiamen. After many demands from Crimean Tatars, the authorities removed the militia from the streets in the afternoon. One thousand people then attended a meeting in Lenin Square and marched to the cemetery where a religious ceremony was held.

Yanguiyul, Tashkent region: More that 7,000 people took part in a meeting.

Akhta, Tashkent region: One thousand people met and marched to a cemetery for a religious service.

Bekabad, Tashkent region: About 2,500 Crimean Tatars gathered in one of the central streets. They approved a resolution and walked towards the offices of the *Uzbekistan Communist* Party. They were stopped by a large contingent of militia after about a mile. The meeting continued.

Dalverzin Sovkhoz, Tashkent region: Several thousand people raised placards demanding the restoration of the Crimean republic. All the Crimean Tatar pupils from the Dalverzin state farm went to school wearing black ribbons. The teachers demanded that they remove them, but the children refused.

May 23, Bakchisarai, Crimea: Two thousand people attended a demonstration. Only 400 were Crimean Tatars. Speakers said the Soviet regime was trying to pit one nation against another. A poem, *The Heirs of Stalin*, was read out.

THE SOVIET OPPOSITION

May 27, Simferopol: After an attempt by the militia to disperse their camp, Crimean Tatars returned and began re-pitching their tents. A pre-war flag of Crimean Tatars was flown over the camp. Several thousand militia put the camp under siege and tear gas was used. Later the militia allowed water and food to be brought in.

June 20, Krasnodarsky Kray: At least 5,000 Crimean Tatars went on strike in the region. From June 24 the stoppage spread to other regions.

June 26, Tashkent: Ten thousand people attended demonstrations, many having travelled from the Crimea and Krasnodarsky Kray. After the meeting, about 5,000 people marched through Marx Street past the KGB building towards the Lenin Museum.

The militia tried to stop the demonstrators by beating them, dragging them away by their hair, and throwing them into buses. The detainees broke windows and rejoined the demonstration. There were insufficient troops and militia to disperse the crowds, and the militia, unable to register all the detainees, took them to the suburbs and released them. All roads leading to Tashkent were blocked by police cars and all Crimean Tatars arriving in the city were detained. According to estimates by Crimean Tatar leaders, more than 1,000 people were detained and hundreds injured, some seriously. In the evening, the Crimean Tatars decided to join the strike of national protest.

June 27, Tashkent: Twenty-two of the 23 workers on the Crimean Tatar newspaper, *Leninskoye Znamya* (Lenin's Banner), went on strike.

June 28, Moscow: Between 100 and 150 Crimean Tatars, including women and children, marched towards the Dolgorukiy monument.

They carried banners declaring "Freedom for the fighters for national rights", "We demand that the Crimean Tatar question be discussed at the 19th party conference", and "The Crimean Tatar people are victims of Stalinist tyranny". The militia surrounded the demonstrators and attacked them violently. All banners and placards were destroyed and the demonstrators taken away in buses.

July 7, Krasnodar: Crimean Tatars held a regional general meeting which approved an appeal to workers to join the strike. The appeal was motivated by the authorities' mass dismissal of strikers from their jobs "for truancy without justification".

July 15, Nizhnyaya Bakanka: Six hundred Crimean Tatars declared a one-day hunger strike, demanding the reinstatement of those people sacked for demonstrating.

Bakhchisarai, Crimean region: Murdzhiya Khalilova, a Crimean Tatar, and Victor Mitryumyuk, a Russian, were put on trial. The court ruled that the deal by which Khalilova bought a house from Mitriumyuk was illegal.

At the trial Khalilova declared that she was unable to follow the legal procedures as the authorities continually placed obstacles in the way of Crimean Tatars wishing to buy houses in the Crimea. After sentence was passed, 100 Crimean Tatars attending the trial marched through the streets in protest.

July 17, Nizhnyaya Bakanka: Seven thousand Crimean Tatars met and decided to continue the June 20 strike.

July 20, Tashkent region: A demonstration by Crimean Tatars was stopped. The strikers who had been dismissed for "truancy" were re-instated at the Tashkent Instrument Factory.

In other regions, such as Yanguiyul and Chirchik, the strikers have not been reinstated.

July 23, Krasnodarsky Kray: More than 500 Crimean Tatars in Dremlyuasky district declared a one-day hunger strike.

August 3, Krasnodarsky Kray: A regional meeting decided to end the strike by Crimean Tatars. But Tatars in the town of Abinsk continued the stoppage.

August 4-5, Moscow: Ten Crimean Tatar delegates, who had been seeking a meeting with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, were informed that no audience would be allowed as the Soviet leader was "very busy". On August 5, several members of the Crimean Tatar delegation were detained and were taken to Militia Station 22. According to the duty officer, several protesters were taken back to their homes.

British engineer dies in air crash

Madras (Reuter) — The body of a British engineer was washed ashore near Pondicherry on the south-east Indian coast after a helicopter carrying 10 people crashed in the Bay of Bengal.

Indian naval officers searching for survivors from the Oil and Natural Gas Commission helicopter which crashed on Friday night said yesterday that they feared the other nine passengers and crew were also drowned.

The Briton, identified as Mr Neil Sargeant, was an engineer with Flow-Petrol, a subsidiary of the multinational Schlumberger, which gives technical help to the commission.

At least four other foreigners were on board the helicopter when it crashed, a commission spokesman said.

Murder girl deal halted

Harare (AP) — Police intervened to stop a girl, aged six, being given away as compensation to the relatives of a murder victim in Zimbabwe, it was reported yesterday.

The girl was part payment in an agreement between feuding families near the town of Murehwa, 50 miles north-east of here, the *Sunday Mail* said, adding that senior officers ordered a family blamed for the murder of a villager to exclude the child from a compensation deal.

Coach tragedy

Ankara (AFP) — Sixteen people died and 24 were injured, 13 critically, in a head-on crash between a coach and a lorry near Denizli, in south-western Turkey.

Missing cars

Kampala (Reuter) — More than 5,000 of the 7,500 cars owned by the Ugandan Government have been stolen or written off as scrap, the Transport Ministry said.

Beach kidnap

Nuoro, Sardinia (Reuter) — Three armed men abducted an Italian pharmacist, aged 27, from a Sardinian beach and fled after freeing his girlfriend.

Rail deaths

East Berlin (Reuter) — Two East German soldiers and a train driver died when a locomotive collided with a goods train carrying military equipment near the border with Poland.

Sikh leader

Delhi — Professor Darshan Singh Ragi has again been appointed *Jathedar* (head) of the Akal Takht, the highest authority of the Sikh religion.

Boat ambush

Dhaka — Seven people were shot dead when suspected tribal separatists ambushed a boat carrying bananas in a lake district outside the resort town of Rangamati, in Chittagong Hill Tracts province, south-eastern Bangladesh.

Winning films

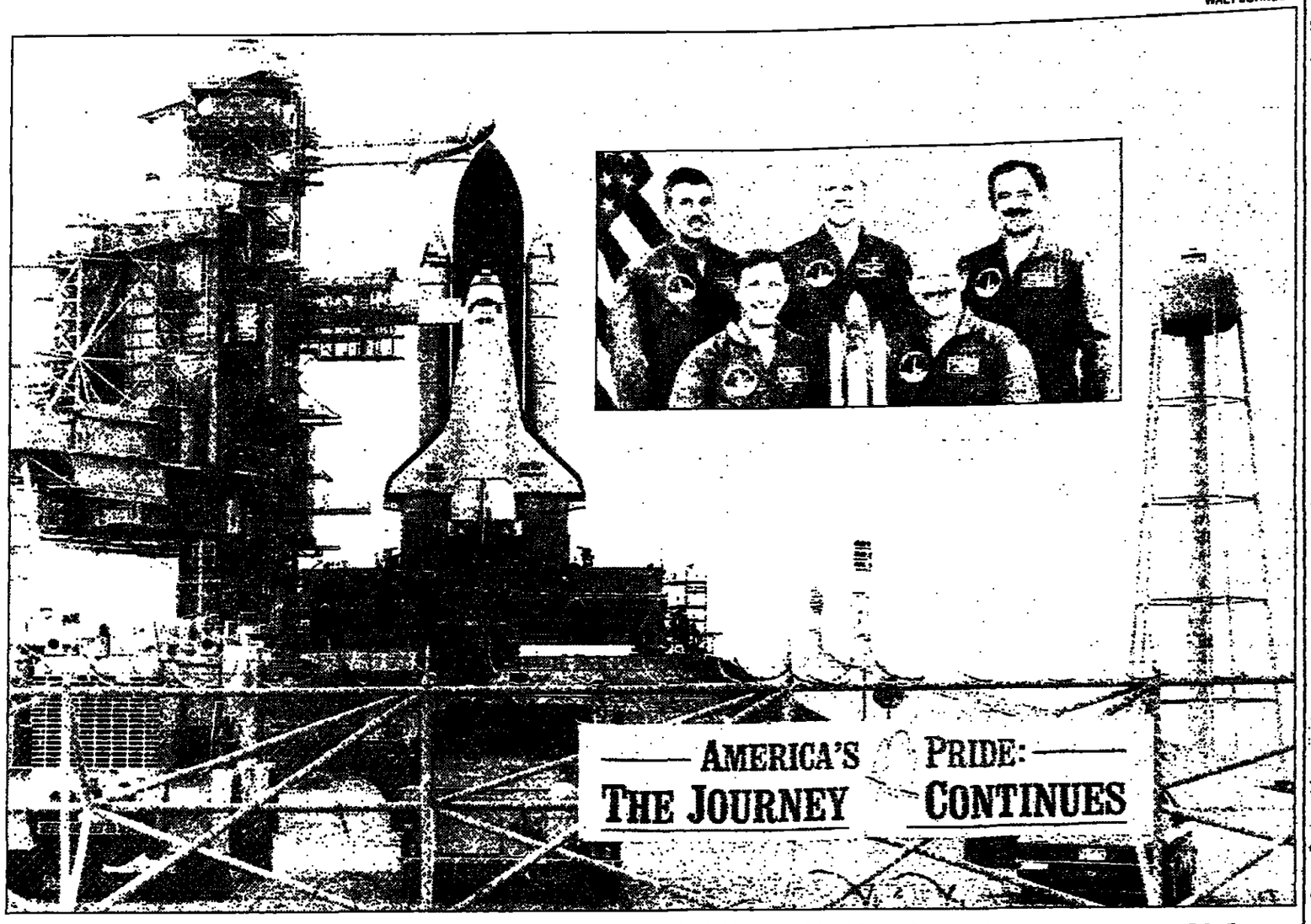
Locarno, Switzerland (Reuter) — British director Terence Davies shared the Golden Leopard top prize at the 1988 Locarno International Film Festival with Wolfgang Becker of West Germany.

SPECTRUM

American dream relaunched

More than two years ago the Shuttle disaster halted the US space programme. Now its recovery rests on Discovery

WALT JOHNSON



Some $2.4 billion later, Shuttle Discovery sits at Launch Pad 39B. Inset: the crew (from left) David Hilmers, Richard Covey, George Nelson, Frederick Hauck and John Lounge

After a mockery of errors, delays and broken deadlines, Launch Pad 39B finally shook and seared in the flames and crashing roar of the Shuttle Discovery's three main engines last week. They were 22 of the most crucial seconds in the life of America's manned space programme. Amid mountainous clouds of swirling smoke and the choking stench of burning fuel, hope was reborn. The Shuttle is back.

The Kennedy Space Center, gripped by despair when hundreds of workers were laid off in the soul-seeking aftermath of the Challenger disaster in January 1986, today senses a new optimism between the ever-present fears of renewed failure. Discovery could be ready for lift-off next month. More probably it will be October at the earliest, since new and often suffocatingly meticulous safety procedures continually uncover minor hitches.

Small fuel leaks, in particular, are appallingly hard to trace. In days past they would have been ignored as meaningless; today, safety managers are almost manic in their demands for perfection.

"We were devastated by the Challenger accident on a personal and emotional level," Kenneth Jernigan, a senior technical adviser on Shuttle safety, recalled. "We're not going to have that happen again. Previously, the safety organization was more of a staff function. Now we have made it a first-line directorate."

Certainly, much is at stake. If Discovery goes wrong, the whole controversial programme of manned space flight will be threatened by a cost-conscious Congress that continues to approve stupendous funding, only because public opinion demands it.

The cheers that rose from 16,000 workers as the earth shook at Kennedy Space Center on Wednesday were cheers of defiance. Their programme has been humiliated and disgraced for two-and-a-half years. Even over the past few weeks, five postponements of the Discovery test have brought mockery. Finally, it went right. As a big official sign in front of Launch Pad 39B proclaims today: "AMERICA'S PRIDE. THE JOURNEY CONTINUES".

Challenger changed so much. The next crew will be professionals — paid pioneers. No schoolteachers. No journalists. No amateurs. The disaster, with seven deaths, touched America far more than if it had been a passenger jet with 400 aboard. Children and parents across the nation were connected to Challenger through Christa McAuliffe, who taught social studies in New Hampshire.

The others, too, seemed to have been chosen as all-American representatives — one was black, one was Jewish, one was Asian-American, two were women. But, to millions, Mission 51-L was, more than anything, the one with the teacher aboard, a teacher with the effervescence of a teenager. It was Christa McAuliffe's Shuttle.

As if in deference to her, the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA) is asking high school students to choose the name of Challenger's successor — with the proviso that it must be the name of a great ship from history. The vehicle is being built in California, and should be delivered to the Kennedy Space Center next year, joining Discovery, Atlantis and Columbia.

It took two years to re-design the Shuttles after Challenger exploded. There was a sort of national catharsis on July 4, Independence Day, when the towering white assembly of Discovery, along with its orange external fuel tank and twin solid fuel rocket boosters, inched from a 500ft hangar for a six-hour journey to the launch pad. Suddenly it seemed that the dream was alive again.

The redesign has cost about $2.4 billion. Ironically, new equipment designed to improve safety could actually produce new hazards simply because it has never been tested on a mission. Although Discovery's journey will be the twenty-fifth by a Shuttle, in a sense it will be a test flight. The five-man crew consists entirely of veteran astronauts, all of whom have been intimately involved in every stage of redesign and modification — unlike previously, when engineers jealously guarded their technological terrain.

The main change is in the solid fuel boosters. A leaky joint between two segments that allowed hot gases to escape caused the Challenger disaster. The redesigned joint has survived four test firings in Utah; one more is planned before the Discovery mission. The 154ft external fuel tank has also undergone many changes. So have the main engines. Aboard the craft itself there have been more than 200 changes, including rewiring, improvements to brake, steering and landing systems, strengthened structural elements and improvements to heat-absorbing tiles.

Navy Captain Frederick Hauck, aged 47, the Discovery's commander, and his crew will deploy a communications satellite, conduct minor scientific and technological experiments, and test modifications to the Shuttle. He piloted Challenger in a 1983 mission. The other crew members — chosen by the NASA hierarchy in Washington from a pool of 96 astronauts — have also been on Shuttle flights: Air Force Colonel Richard Covey, aged 42; George Nelson, aged 38, a doctor of astronomy; Lt. Colonel David Hilmers, aged 38, of the US Medical Corps; and John Mike Lounge, aged 38, an expert in astrogeophysics. All are married with children.

So passionate is the interest in the next Shuttle launch that Kennedy Space Center officials estimate that a million people will flock to the area to watch. And yet, with a calculated caution born of fear of disaster, NASA has restrained its publicity and public relations machine, ensuring that its astronauts do not become heroes. If Discovery goes down, at least there will not be another Christa McAuliffe for America to mourn.

Politicians, too, are tense. Such are the national emotions riding aboard Discovery that the White House is said to have issued hints — vigorously denied both by NASA and the White House itself — that the launch should not go ahead before the November Presidential Election if there is the slightest sense of unpreparedness. A disaster could damage Republican Presidential hopes; conversely, a triumphant mission would add lustre to a dreary campaign.

Rival countries will also watch Discovery with baited breath. The Chinese, Europeans, Japanese and Russians are all competing with the Shuttle. Not since the orbitting satellite, Sputnik I, beep-beeped its way across the night sky 30 years ago has the Soviet Union mounted a more credible challenge to US technological prowess.

There is a sense that Moscow is really the space capital of the world. Even Commander Hauck, now in vigorous training with his crew for the first post-Challenger flight, speaks of signs of political paralysis in Washington. "We must decide what we really want to do," he declared. "We need to be clear about our goals."

There are many big questions. Should the Pentagon spend vast sums on "Star Wars" when the peaceful exploration of space is restrained by budget curbs? Should the US remain committed to the manned Shuttle programme or invest heavily instead on expendable, unmanned rockets, as the military would prefer? Should NASA organize commercial uses of space, as governments of foreign nations are doing, or should that be left to private business, as the White House believes it should?

The answers are ill-defined. NASA, with an annual budget of around $9 billion, lacks precise long-term strategies, partly because Washington has been so consumed by elections for the past two years. For all the euphoria over a 22-second burst of power from Discovery last week, there is still a consuming sense of drift, insecurity and confusion.

In its gut, NASA remains demoralized and feels acutely that it is a political pawn. It knows that Discovery's mission simply must not go wrong: it offers perhaps the last hope of convincing America to continue the bitter, wonderful exploration of space.

Christopher Thomas

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And the researchers find that the ability of their drugs to kill the disease-causing trypanosomes is directly related to the ease with which they subvert the enzyme, confirming that the enzyme is the perfect chink in the armour of the trypanosomes through which to fight Chagas disease.

Henry Gee

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Films the Bible Belt loves to hate

Scorsese's film is the latest in a long line of controversial epics based on the life of Jesus



Epic proportions: Max Von Sydow in *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, which lasted for nearly four hours and had a host of stars

The orchestrated outrage that greeted the Scorsese film *The Last Temptation of Christ* before it opened in the United States may or may not prove to have been justified when we actually see it here, but it certainly follows precedent. Films that deal with the life of Jesus Christ have been regularly denounced in advance. Afterwards it has often been hard to see what the fuss was about.

So trigger-happy are reactions on this topic that "the greatest story ever told" has in fact been told surprisingly seldom on film. There are fewer than 20 films depicting Jesus in the annals, beginning in 1912 with *From the Manger to the Cross*.

Cecil B. De Mille made the first epic, *King of Kings*, in 1927 from the point of view of Mary Magdalene who, in a surprising caption, at one point orders her servants to "harness my zebras, gift of the Nubian king".

The picture did for the Gospel what *The Ten Commandments* had done for Moses — it cost a great deal but made a great deal more. Afraid of trouble from the Bible Belt, De Mille cast as his Jesus an actor unblemished by scandal, H.B. Warner. Soon, however, he was seduced in his dressing room by a calculating extra, who fetched De Mille to the scene. According to De Mille's partner, Jesse Lasky, the actor lay "debauched, his clothes off, lip rouge all over him, drunk, a wreck". The girl was handsomely paid to keep quiet.

Britain entered into breast-beating controversy when Dorothy Sayers wrote a radio serial *The Man Born to be King*, originally for children's hour in 1941. Miss Sayers had written dialogue for Jesus (Robert Speaight) in contemporary, not biblical, speech of which she unwisely gave examples at a press conference. "Life of Christ in Slang" shrieked the headlines.

The Lord's Day Observance Society took a full-page advertisement to declare that this "revolting imitation of the voice of our divine Saviour" was taking the name of the Lord in vain. The BBC wavered but went ahead and the programme was hailed as a radio classic and repeated at Easter for several years.

The 60s brought Fellini's revolutionary Jesus in *The Gospel According to St Matthew* and a tough, working-class Jesus (played by Colin Blakely) in the Dennis Potter television play *Son of Man*, which caused predictable protests, especially over the fact that this Jesus did not die quietly.

The Greatest Story Ever Told, a wide-screen spectacular shot in Utah, disarmed criticism by its immense length (nearly four hours) and host of stars in cameo roles. These included John Wayne, whose one line as the Centurian at the Crucifixion was "truly this man was the Son of God". According to Hollywood legend, the director, George Stevens, asked Wayne to do a second take and give the line it "more of an awe". The cameras rolled again and Wayne said: "Aw, truly this man was the Son of God".

The 70s produced *Jesus Christ Superstar*, which began life as a record album and looked as though it might remain one. According to Andrew Lloyd Webber, every stage management he approached shied away from the subject as a musical. When the show opened on Broadway it was attacked by Billy Graham: "It borders on blasphemy and sacrilege. I do not endorse the production. Nor do I urge young people to see it."

Pickets were out at the theatres, including the Palace Theatre in London, where the glitterati arriving for a glamorous first night had to pick their way through Christians with placards reading "God's word should not be tampered with".

Then came the *Gay News* affair, a prosecution for blasphemous libel at the instigation of Mrs Mary Whitehouse, for publishing a poem suggesting that Jesus had homosexual relationships. Editor and paper were found guilty by a jury and heavily fined.

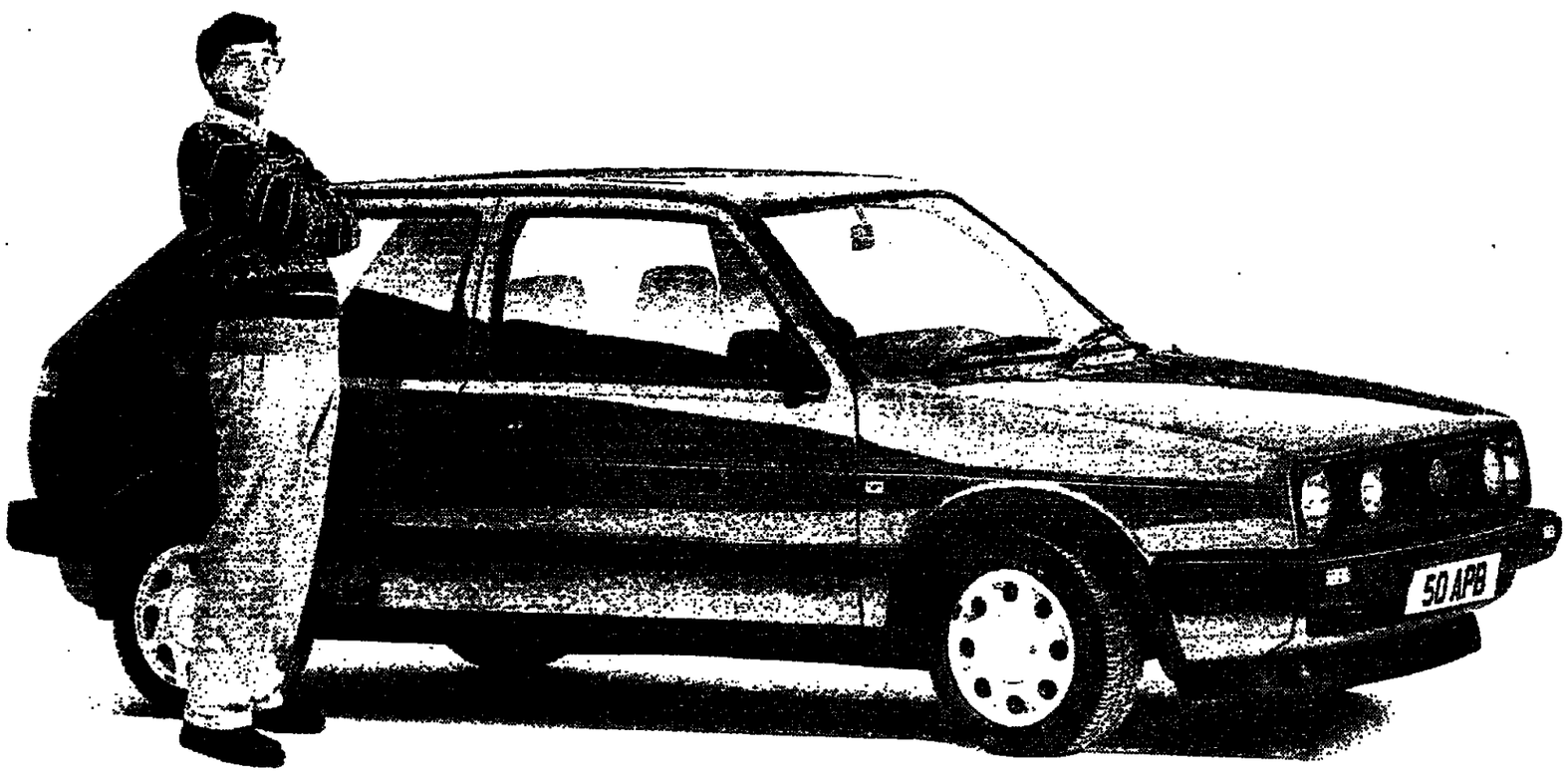
Franco Zeffirelli's straightforward TV epic *Jesus of Nazareth*, with Robert Powell in the title role, was first transmitted at Easter in 1977. During the filming it brought forth one of those immortal lines from (Lord) Lew Grade, who was worried about the overcrowded small screen. "Twelve Apostles! Can't we manage with less?" The Pope recommended the film in his Palm Sunday message.

But the faithful were up in arms again in 1979 about the Monty Python spoof *Life of Brian*, in which the wrong man (played by Graham Chapman) is taken to be the Messiah and ends up on the Cross. "Justifying sacrilege on the grounds that it is funny is too weak-minded to require comment," declared the spokesman for New York's Catholic archbishop. American Catholics were warned not to see it. New York Jewish leaders condemned it too. The same thing is happening now.

If there is one thing you can rely on about Jesus epics, it is that as often as any writer or film-maker wants to project his or her fantasies upon his charismatic figure, others will rush in to try to stop them.

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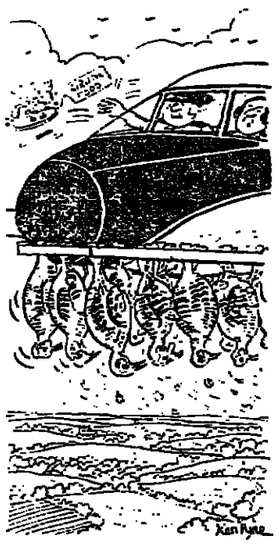
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The media have lists of experts on just about every topic — dyslexia, metal fatigue, royal governesses, Togoland — who are summoned when news items pertaining to their expertise occur and within minutes the most accessible guru is on his way to Jimmy Young's show or television studio to vent his knowledge.

The Glorious Twelfth is one of *my* occasions. Over the years, on the day the grouse shooting season begins, someone from somewhere will ring me and commission an appearance. Annually on the glorious eleventh I do my homework: *Lagopus scoticus* — member of the ptarmigan, capercaillie family, see black cock, grey hen. Feed on berries and heather buds. Best eating game bird in the world, don't ruin it with fancy preparations: butter inside, streaky bacon out, hot oven for 20 minutes, serve with toasted, buttered crumbs and bread sauce. That's it. If there is time, I throw in names of wood grouse, snow grouse, spruce and sage grouse; mention hanging time — three days or so depending on temperature — and they say "Thank you, the taxi is at the door, the cheque is in the post. See you next year."

Friday had me sitting in the restaurant of the Mayfair Holiday Inn with a BBC camera crew in attendance. The grouse had arrived from Inverness by the morning flight and were being filmed in the kitchen. The PR lady asked if we would mention the hotel by name. "Yes," dissembled the BBC newsman, who is leaving in October to join the House of Fraser.

The real gloriousness of the Twelfth is for those who own grouse moors that are let at £1,000 a gun; a smidgeon of glory accrues to caterers who can shift December's frozen grouse to customers who cannot tell last year's aunt from this year's nephew. To the discriminating consumer August 16 is the day, when it has had time to hang. Yet when my grouse arrived at 1.45 it was perfect; at 7.30 am it had been minding its own business in the Scottish skies unaware of its impending fate, let alone its appearance before six million viewers. Here it was — tender, succulent, brilliant. Could it be that air travel plays its part in the process normally achieved by hanging, or was it the skill of the chef of the place the BBC man omitted to mention?



In the Worcester Arms on the corner of George Street and Gloucester Place you get a good selection of real ales and they have a machine that rewards general knowledge. Put in 20p and it flashes questions at you with three alternative answers. The player presses buttons A, B or C and if right the money can be jollied up all the way to £2. In the course of one game I had the correct answers to eight questions (which then increased my initial stake to 30p) when I got "Whom did David Steel succeed as leader of the Liberal Party: Jo Grimond, John Pardoe, Jeremy Thorpe." I pressed Grimond — whom we had made leader while the Steel/Pardoe contest was being resolved. The machine did not remember that.

When I moved from my house in Cambridgeshire last year, Calor gas sent me a huge bill which I disputed and they sent to a collection agency. The agency was scrupulously correct and we settled — Calor having charged me money owed by the builder who installed the central heating. Each month since then I have had final notices to pay . . . the latest one threatening legal action. I wrote to them wondering what could have caused Her Majesty to grant a royal warrant to so incompetent a company. Now I have a letter dated 9 August 1988: Dear Sir/Madam, We note from our records that we have not received a reply to our letter dated 18 December 1986 concerning your central heating installation . . .

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I telephoned the marketing director to ask whether he had had many complaints. Good heavens no, said he. Have people noticed? He doubted it. Why have they done it? He said that he would get someone else to ring me. An hour later a chirpy PR lady called Sam rang to say she understood I wanted to ask some questions about Pimms. I asked why is it 6.4 per cent weaker and no cheaper? She explained that after the most careful research they had found that consumers welcomed a lower alcoholic content which, she said, was "a good thing". Beer is getting weaker: the Government totally approves of moves like that and it is the trend.

I pointed out that one diluted Pimms quite heavily, so that the many consumers who wanted a lower alcoholic content could adjust the ratio. She said that Pimms still had quite a kick: 6.4 per cent less of a kick than previously, I said, and could I have the names and addresses of the customers who "welcomed the lower alcoholic content at the same price". No. Why has the price not come down? Well, she said: it has not gone up either.

Barry Fantoni is on holiday

Richard Brookhiser looks beyond the image to the policies

Where Bush can score

Washington

Vice-President George Bush, who accepts the Republican presidential nomination in New Orleans on Thursday, has one of the most relentlessly analysed personalities in American politics. Friends and enemies study it like a fever chart, sensitive to every jag. If a week passes in which he says nothing identifiably upper-class, supporters congratulate themselves on the patient's improved condition. The moment he slips, asking for a "splash" of coffee when he should have ordered a regular-guy "cup", then Republicans sink into despair while Democrats lick their chops.

It is more profitable to consider the issues on which Bush will run, for the voters certainly will. Will his policies be enough for victory in November?

I wrote on this page in April, when Bush was beating Senator Robert Dole and the Rev Pat Robertson, his Republican rivals, that he had won his nomination on the strength of his loyalty to Ronald Reagan — not only to Reagan personally but to his ideology.

Dole had been critical of the Reagan administration's dedication to tax cuts, while Robertson's forebodings about the dire consequences of American sinfulness contradicted Reagan's optimistic approach to things. Both perished. Bush, the loyalist and heir apparent, prevailed.

In the election campaign so far, Bush has run on the same argument: Ronald Reagan has brought peace and prosperity; I was at his side when he did so; vote for me, and I'll make sure nothing is lost.

The peace for which Bush seeks to take credit is peace through strength. For six years the administration emphasized strength: in installing the Pershing and cruise missiles in Europe; committing itself to a 600-ship navy, and in general presiding over a general peacetime military build-up.

The international atmosphere noticeably improved with the INF treaty abolishing medium-range nuclear missiles. Bush will surely hint that a Bush administration might see a Start treaty on strategic arms. Unrelated negotiations concerning various parts of the world — Afghanistan, Angola — will be cited as evidence of an emergent Soviet realism, encouraged by American firmness.

To keep the world on this happy course, Bush will argue, America needs a president with experience in foreign affairs, and a realistic attitude to Moscow. Michael Dukakis of the Democrats, whose entire political life has been spent in Massachusetts, does not fill this bill.

Bush will offer the economy, still strong even after the stock market crash, as the second great instance of Reagan's success. He has pledged not to raise income tax rates, and has even proposed a cut in capital gains tax to 15 per cent.

Eight years ago, of course, Bush was calling supply-side economics "voodoo". His chief criticism at the time, however, was that it abolished the differential between individual and business taxes. By pledging to cut capital gains tax still further, he has managed to integrate his old and new positions.

Most of the other positions Bush has taken so far are in the nature of shock absorption. For example, he says he wants to be remembered as an "education president" for the same reason the Democrats boast of their commitment to military strength: so that the other side won't have the issue to themselves.

Peace and prosperity are potent issues, especially when one can plausibly claim to have achieved them. This explains the strangely asymmetrical shape of the campaign so far. The Democrats' issues all have a much narrower gauge. The administration has not done enough to help drought-stricken farmers, or black South Africans; it tolerated Manuel Noriega, the Panamanian leader, for too long, and sold arms to Khomeini; it has bungled the war on drugs. At their convention in Atlanta, the Democrats often seemed like men trying to extinguish a forest fire with a soda syphon.

On the other hand, peace and prosperity can encourage restlessness. If things are going so well that they seem likely to go on that way, why not try some new faces?

Bush also suffers from a long-standing weakness in his political profile. Reagan was supported by voters who were concerned about the weakness of the economy and the lack of determined cohesion in American foreign policy. But many others were concerned about such issues as abortion, prayer in schools, bussing children of one racial group to schools in areas predominantly populated by another, and the Equal Rights Amendment. These social conservatives were often lower middle-class converts from the Democratic Party, and Bush has never had much to say to them. His own position on abortion has wobbled over the years, and he was a supporter, albeit not a vigorous one, of the Equal Rights Amendment.

They may also feel a sense of dissatisfaction with the Reagan administration, whose emphasis has been economic and military. Ronald Reagan spoke their language. But that was about all he did for them.

Bush's recent proposal to give tax credits to families with children was therefore particularly important. The Bush plan is usually cast as a me-too answer to a proposal of the Democratic Party for federally funded day-care. The two programmes would cost about the same but their structure is quite different. The Democrats propose to erect a federally controlled industry. The Bush plan gives families leeway to spend the money as they see fit. In offering it, he signalled that he cared about something other than the Pentagon and the gross national product, and that he could give his concern a conservative Republican shape.

If he can appeal to social conservatives, and if voters choose contentment over curiosity, the only move Bush will have to make in November will be to a different office.

Bernard Levin

How Eliot caught the plague

The increasingly bizarre controversy over the T.S. Eliot Centenary Fund would hardly be complete without a contribution from me calculated to exacerbate feelings on all sides of the question. In case there is anyone who has not yet entered the maze, the few necessary facts can be quickly established. That indispensable institution the London Library is soliciting funds — a target of £100,000 has been mentioned — to set up a trust which would enable young or needy writers and researchers to make use of the library, because in the ordinary way there is a subscription which for some would be hard to meet. Because Eliot was the president of the London Library for 13 years, and himself instrumental in starting a similar fund, the present appeal bears his name.

It also bears, among the list of patrons of the appeal, the names of some very distinguished Jews, including Sir Isaiah Berlin and Lord Goodman, and shortly after it was launched mutterings were heard suggesting that it was inappropriate for such people to be associated with such a cause, because Eliot was anti-Semitic.

That was the first damned silly thing said on the subject (not the last, alas), since it implies that you have to be Jewish to deplore anti-Semitism. As soon as this idea was mooted, however, everybody forgot what the money was *for*. I would not be surprised to learn that some people are now convinced that it is to buy jackboots for retired SS officers of limited means.

The next slice of baloney consisted of a claim that Eliot was *not* anti-Semitic, and indeed that (ah, what scents not of lavender rise from the familiar old phrase, unheard now for decades!) some of Eliot's best friends were Jews. Well, anti-Semitic he was — not, of course, in the Mosley-rabble mode, though not in the robust Chesterton or slimy Belloc manner either; his anti-Semitism was what I would call the genteel-demented. The anti-Semitic references in his work, which are sufficiently unambiguous to convict him of the charge, suggest that Jews are an alien, corrupt and debasing influence, a kind of impurity or bacillus in the blood of the body politic, allied with all those who in societies like ours, "worm-eaten with liberalism", cannot be trusted to uphold the ancient virtues.

(In his fascinating article on this page last week, Mr Anthony Julius quoted Eliot as claiming that since he was a Christian he couldn't be an anti-Semite, because that would be a sin. I look forward to the first burglar who declares that he cannot have done what the prosecution alleges, because that would have been a crime.)

As it happens, I have a soft spot for Eliot, because, more than 30 years ago, he wrote me a fan letter, and what is more, it began (as all fan letters do) "I do not often write fan letters, but I am impelled..." I had hardly started on my illustrious career at the time, and you can imagine what I felt when I got that from the Great Cham of the day.

At this point, most sensible people will conclude that Eliot was anti-Semitic, but that the excellent cause to which his name has been attached by the London Library is in no way tainted by that fact, any more than would have been the case if they had chosen another past president, the late Michael Astor, and belatedly discovered that his mother had been a teetotaller.

But I want to go somewhat further, since there is an aspect of this story which is rarely discussed, and which has bedevilled consideration of anti-Semitism for many years now. I think it was Maitland who said that one of the problems of establishing historical truth was that we forget that things now in the past were once in the future. If you put Eliot's anti-Semitism in its historical context, you are likely to get a surprise.

I take it that there will be no dissent from my view that anti-Semitism is wrong and vile, whether practised by St John Chrysostom and Martin Luther or Dostoevsky and R*ch**d W*gn*r. But, hard though it is to say, not all anti-Semitisms are equal, and some are less culpable than others. Anti-Semitism, from the earliest ages till three quarters of the way through the 18th century, then again (at any rate in Russia) at the end of the 19th, and finally from the Nazis onward, is wholly inexcusable. The reason is that those who



fanned the flames of *Judenhass* in those eras knew that the flames could and did destroy human beings, which of course was frequently the intention of the men who plied the bellows. Nobody knows how many Jews died in the pogroms through the centuries until Hitler came to put it into scientific practice; tens of thousands? Hundreds of thousands? Millions?

Anyway, it gradually died out; the Enlightenment helped, and Napoleon still more — so much so that the horrors of late Tsarist Russia must have seemed a dreadful throwback to less civilized times. This is not to say that anti-Semitism had disappeared; only that massacre was no longer the inevitable result of it. Discrimination and hostility remained; but Jews in all civilized countries, and a surprisingly large number of uncivilized ones, no longer went in fear of their lives.

It was in the lull before the final, terrible storm that Eliot and his like were free to express what they felt about Jews, *with no social disapproval*. If you read at all widely in the literature of, say, the period from the end of the First World War to the beginning of the Second, you will find, frequently in the writings of the wisest and gentlest of men, let alone the less so, expressions and attitudes about Jews which would today rule out their authors from decent society. The point is that decent society, in those days, was filled with people who had forgotten what anti-Semitism *had* led to, and who could not guess what it *would* lead to.

Indeed, the situation was stranger still; the prevalence of casual anti-Semitism was such that its use became quite unconscious; John Buchan has been accused of it, and defended stoutly, but both sides have missed the point. Buchan would have been genuinely indignant if he had been accused of anti-Semitism, for he would not have recognized the references in his work for what they were.

Much, much worse was Sapper. The Bulldog Drummond stories, which I hugely enjoyed in my youth, oozed anti-Semitism, but I am sure he had no intention of expressing a considered view of Jews; such attitudes were *in him* because they were all around him. Best-sellers like *The Constant Nymph* contained anti-Semitic attitudes, certainly without any considered thought. (Evelyn Waugh *was* an anti-Semite).

In that atmosphere, anti-Semitic feelings could be expressed without embarrassment or guilt across almost any dinner table — even a table with Jews at it.

Remember that well-informed and sympathetic men, when the Holocaust was under way, could not believe the reports that were coming out of Occupied Europe; how much more difficult it was — indeed, it was impossible — to imagine it 10 or 20 years before it happened.

For Eliot's generation the expression of anti-Semitic feelings was *safe*; therefore it was expressed. Now, we have no excuse; we know what it has led to, in the heart of Europe, in the lifetime of men and women not yet middle-aged. Those who strike matches today are playing with fire; yesterday, the world was non-flammable.

But I cannot find it in my heart to condemn Eliot and the others (Harold Nicolson was another) who thought that it was all right because they used only safety matches. There are, of course, no safety matches where anti-Semitism is concerned, but we must not judge the ignorant past by the knowing present.

Anti-Semitism is one of the oldest of the world's plagues; I doubt if it will ever be wholly eradicated. No two theories as to its cause are the same, and no lasting cure is in sight. But while the search for a vaccine is pursued, let not the London Library fund suffer for doing no more than attach T.S. Eliot's name to a most worthy project.

After all, perhaps one of those researchers who cannot afford the library's subscription, and whose work will be paid for by the fund, will there find the cure for anti-Semitism that has eluded mankind for so many centuries.

Commentary • IAN TAYLOR

Esop's fabulous future

The Government's success in widening share ownership has been phenomenal — the number of shareholders in Britain has trebled from three to nine million since 1979. But why stop there? Why not give employees a direct stake in their work?

Employee share ownership (Esop), by which companies allocate a proportion of their shares to their workforce, is still in its infancy in Britain and, unfortunately, is beset with bureaucratic and fiscal obstacles which may prevent its expansion. Yet the advantages are numerous.

No longer working solely for a weekly wage, employees have a stake in the long-term growth of their company. The company benefits because of the greater commitment among the workforce, especially if it practises increased consultation. For example, it is no longer in employees' interests to strike, to restrain increases in productivity, or to clock off as early as possible.

These benefits will trickle down to the customer in the form of greater reliability and spread out to the regional economies and eventually the national economy.

In the US, employee share schemes are widespread, involving more than 8,000 companies and 8 per cent of the workforce — a total of more than seven million workers.

The best known example is the Weirton Steel Corporation, the largest employee-controlled manufacturing company in the world. In the six years since this crumbling mill was sold by its despairing owners, National Steel, Weirton has made record profits; as a result, millions of dollars have been paid back to the company's (expanding) workforce and the economy of a particularly depressed region has been boosted.

A number of less grand but significant examples of employee share ownership schemes exist over here. The successful companies running them include John Lewis, Roadchef, Tullis Russell, National Freight Consortium and the recently privatized People's Provincial Buses. The managing director of one described the change in its fortunes as "electrifying".

Some have been assisted by Unity Trust Bank plc, established by the Co-op Bank and 40 trade unions. It has made the financing of employee ownership schemes a large part of its business strategy.

If the advantages are so weighty, why is Esop not more prevalent in the UK? Very few unquoted companies have any "non-family" employee shareholders; the Treasury has indicated that only 151 unquoted companies which are not subsidiaries of public limited companies have set up schemes as a result of the provisions of the 1978 Finance Act.

The problem is not lack of interest, but disincentive. In the US such schemes enjoy fiscal privileges. In the UK, not only are there no comparable privileges but there are artificial obstacles to their creation and effective operation.

First, the legal position is unclear. For a company wishing to establish such a scheme, it has to set up two separate trusts: one to borrow money, buy the company's shares and make a market in the shares between old and new employees (an employee benefit trust), the other to receive the money contributed by the company, to buy the shares from the benefit trust and distribute them to workers (a profit-sharing trust). In the US the whole operation is done by one trust.

The second obstacle is that the owners of a "family" company wishing to sell out to such a scheme, in other words to pass on the company to the employees, lose out in tax terms. If selling to an employee benefit trust, the owners are subject to capital gains tax on the transaction. If they sell to a quoted company for shares, they can obtain roll-over relief from the tax. There is thus a natural disincentive to deal with employees.

The third obstacle is the uncertain tax status of money contributed by a company to an employee benefit trust. The Inland Revenue have variously challenged claims that such payments are tax deductible. The courts have found against the tax authorities, but there is no statutory provision for such contributions to be tax deductible. Hence the uncertain status and the worries that naturally flow from it.

Any company proposing an employee share ownership scheme cannot be sure that any money it contributes to the trust will be free from challenge by the Inland Revenue.

The difficulty is illustrated by the slow take-up of schemes under the 1978 and 1980 Finance Acts which give companies restricted tax advantages when distributing profits for the benefit of employees.

Only about 1,500 of the 1978/80 schemes have been registered compared with 3,100 of the welcome but elitist 1984 management option schemes.

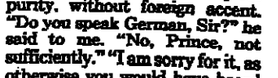
I and a number of colleagues in Parliament are trying to get rid of these barriers. We have the support not only, and naturally, of Job Ownership Ltd, but also of the Institute of Directors.

No attempt is being made to establish the wide range of fiscal privileges that exist for Esops in the US: the Treasury would not approve them and we do not advocate them. All we seek is to remove the obstacles that now stand in the way of employee share ownership schemes.

Such schemes could reduce divisions in British society while increasing the scope for wealth creation. It is a worthy goal. And, given the right encouragement, it is within our grasp.

The author, Conservative MP for Esher, was on the standing committee of this year's Finance Bill.

AUGUST 15 **ON THIS DAY** 1870



The Crown Prince (1831-88, son-in-law of Queen Victoria) commanded the second Prussian army in the war with France. His reign as the German Emperor Frederick III lasted only a few months ("On This Day", June 16, 1988).

THE CROWN PRINCE OF PRUSSIA AND THE NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS

Among the French who fell into the hands of the Prussians after the Battle of Woerth were two correspondents of the Paris press, M Henri Chabrillart, of the *Figaro*, and M Cardon, of the *Gaulois*. They were taken to the Crown Prince, and the interview is thus described by M. Chabrillart:-

Prince Frederick William has great simplicity of manner, and affects rather a kind of *bourgeois* style of speaking, thinking, and general behaviour. He was dressed in a black tunic with red collar and facings, without any embroidery or gold braid . . . the whole uniform was severely simple. He speaks French with great purity, without foreign accent. "Do you speak German, Sir?" he said to me. "No, Prince, not sufficiently." "I am sorry for it, as otherwise you would have heard in what manner our troops speak of yours, and in what esteem they hold them."

Then, with much delicate consideration and almost making excuses for mentioning the facts to us, he told us that they had taken between 3,000 and 4,000 prisoners, 30 guns, six mitrailleuses, and two eagles. "Among the prisoners," said he, "is General Raoult. I went this morning to see him at Reichshofen, where he lies wounded, his hip and thigh being broken; I fear that he is now dying. He is a brave officer, and he has given me some addresses in Paris to which he wishes letters to be sent." "But Prince," I observed, "the other prisoners also have families." "I have thought of that. I have had them supplied with writing materials; the letters will be sent unsealed to our Consul at Geneva, who will forward them to France." "Prince, we thank you on behalf of the mothers whose grief you are about to assuage."

"I do not like war, gentlemen. If I should reign I would never make it. Now, despite my love of peace, this is the third campaign that I have been compelled to make. I went over the battlefield yesterday. It was frightful. If it only depended upon myself this war would end here. It is your Ministers and the Emperor who would have it, it was not we who wanted it. Yet the Emperor has been very good to me and very kind to my wife. The last time I saw him was at the Tuileries on the 12th of January, when he said to me, 'You know that I have found a new Minister'. That was this M. Olivier, who now makes this war against us."

"It is terrible, indeed; and I think your artillery is very formidable." "No, Sir, it is not superior to yours, but we make different use of it from what you do, placing it more freely with the advanced posts. Your aim is very good — too good, indeed; for we have lost, I think, more men than you have."

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THE 'BUT' BESIDE BUSH

The next four days will be crucial for the presidential campaign of Mr George Bush. All the polls agree that he is trailing the Democratic candidate, Governor Dukakis, by more than ten points. He needs "momentum", "psephological bounce" (call it what you will), and he needs the Republican Convention in New Orleans to give it to him.

Electoral history tells him that he can get on terms with his opponent by the end of the week. Mr Carter leapt 16 points in the polls after the Democratic convention in 1976; Mr Mondale – 12 points after his convention in 1984.

His own campaign history too, from Iowa disaster to New Hampshire triumph, tells of a man who performs better in trouble than on top. He *can* do it. But serious doubts remain as to whether, come Friday, he will have done it.

The pattern of the Convention is a slow build-up to the big speech. Today there is what amounts to a service of thanksgiving for the eight-year incumbency of Mr Reagan. Tomorrow Mr Bush will be nominated. On Wednesday he will disclose his choice of running mate. On Thursday he will make the oration that needs to galvanize party workers, sharpen his image for the electorate, and separate him from Mr Dukakis on both issues and ideology.

The speech-writers have a hard job ahead. Mr Bush has his part in the Reagan peace-making process – the INF treaty, the continuing Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, the disengagement in Angola, the prospective Vietnamese departure from Cambodia. But peace abroad can easily be an excuse (which most Americans little need) to forget that abroad exists.

Mr Dukakis has made much of his managerial image. This seems to appeal to the country after Mr Reagan's hands-off rule – and its damaging outcome in the Iran-Contra affair. In a Bush Presidency policy is more likely to be managed by the President, and not left in the hands of the Foggy Bottom foreign policy establishment. Mr Bush has, after all, done much more managing. His problem is that the appearance belies that fact.

Prosperity at home ought also to to be a strong card for Mr Bush. The fact that after last October's Black Monday the US economy did not plunge into recession or soar with inflation can be seen as a victory for the management of the economy. But American confidence in a prosperous future is not strong. Mr Dukakis can claim to be able to do still better, and lumber the Vice-President with some of the less attractive economic left-overs of the Reagan years.

Unlike some previous vice-presidents running for the top job (Mr Humphrey and Mr Nixon, to name but two), he has not lacked all support from his boss. He was given the opportunity to address the UN to reinforce his foreign policy credentials. The President even allowed himself to make the "Mr Bad-Guy" crack about Mr Dukakis's health, which both freed Mr Bush from taint and ensured that no elector will forget the issue.

But the Reagan ticket to the history books is not transferable. A President with his eye on history does not want to associate himself too closely with a man whom the electorate may reject.

One key to success will be Mr Bush's choice of running mate. The ideological spread of the Democratic team lends itself to the sort of attack commonly directed against Britain's Labour party. Mr Bush has to be able to present Mr Dukakis's dream ticket as a nightmare. He will be able to do this only if he can strengthen his candidacy by choosing some one who agrees with him on the key issues, and can reinforce the Conservative positions which he holds but lacks the passion to project.

Mr Bush is not built for presidential campaigning. He has no clear saleable identity. He is not quick. He is not even consistently clear. He is not a fashionable stereotype. He is something worse – an unfashionable stereotype, an easy target for the jibe of being "born with a silver foot in his mouth".

But he does understand the dangers of the world in which he aspires for leadership. From here that is no small thing in his favour. It would be encouraging to hope that the coming week would show a greater appreciation of those strengths from over there.

HALF-WAY FROM KABUL

Moscow announced yesterday that it had fulfilled its undertaking to withdraw half its troops from Afghanistan by August 15 with a day to spare. This statement is hard to verify. There is only Moscow's word for the numbers withdrawn, as there was only Moscow's word for the size of the "limited contingent" – now estimated to be 115,000 men – stationed in Afghanistan in the first place.

All the signs are, however, that Soviet troops have departed on schedule and are leaving Afghanistan as fast, if not faster, than provided for in the accords signed in Geneva in April. Such punctiliousness need not cause surprise. Once the Soviet Union has given an international undertaking, whether a commercial contract or an arms agreement, it tends to observe it – to the letter.

This is where problems can begin, for the letter – as interpreted by the Soviet side – may contradict the spirit as intended by the other signatories. In the case of the Geneva accords on Afghanistan, the letter leaves the Kremlin with an escape clause should the disadvantages of withdrawal seem at any stage to outweigh the benefits. While implicitly allowing Moscow and Washington to continue supplying weapons, they preclude Pakistan from interfering in Afghanistan in any way.

In recent months, Moscow has accused Pakistan almost daily of violating the agreement. The accusations may simply be self-righteous bravado designed to make Soviet conduct look forbearing. They may be intended to demonstrate that the Kremlin still supports Najibullah's government, or that Pakistan rather than Moscow is to blame if anarchy follows the Soviet withdrawal. Another, more sinister, interpretation is that Moscow is preparing for a change of heart.

If the accords break down, Moscow will doubtless cite Pakistan's alleged violations as the cause. Pakistan will level counter-charges, as it is already doing. So far, Moscow has not chosen to draw the conclusion – either in words or in any action – that its withdrawal should be slowed down or halted. But this could change at any time. A shift in the balance of power in Moscow, fear of disorder in Afghanistan, misgivings about the loss of a friendly buffer state, a reassessment of the signals that withdrawal from Afghanistan will send to other Soviet clients – any or all of these could dissuade Moscow from completing its withdrawal on time, or at all.

In all respects except perhaps the logistical one, the first half of the withdrawal was the easier half. The southern provinces were furthest from the Soviet border. Only the main cities were under Soviet control, and then not fully. It could be argued that the risk to Soviet security was minimal.

The second part of the withdrawal will be logistically simpler, but only because the distances are smaller. As the Soviet contingent in Afghanistan decreases and the mujahidin gain confidence, the risk to the retreating troops will increase. If the Soviet-backed government in Kabul is threatened (as looks increasingly likely), Mr Gorbachov may find it hard to convince doubters in his leadership that Soviet security and dignity are not also under threat.

At present, Moscow seems determined to leave Afghanistan almost regardless of the order – or disorder – that may be left behind. Can the Soviet Union be satisfied, though, to have a country on its southern border in which it has only limited economic influence, and even less political control? For that is the probable result if the withdrawal is completed on time next February.

Only if Moscow keeps to its timetable, however, will it reap one of the chief benefits of withdrawal: increased international respectability. In the next six months it must resist the temptation either to shore up an unviable client government or to fish in troubled waters. The 3,000,000 refugees will not come home, and Afghanistan will not be its own country, until the unbidden guests are gone.

EDUCATING THE BOROUGHS

For too long London's schools have been at the mercy of political whim and educational fashion. The good work done by many headteachers has been lost in a welter of initiatives and self-serving attention to dogma. Some heads, who played a crucial role in setting and maintaining standards of teaching and discipline, decided that they could put with the demands of County Hall no longer. They took early retirement or moved into quieter educational waters.

There is now a chance that the needs of schoolchildren – to be taught the basic skills of literacy, numeracy and communication – will be placed above the ideological sparring. In 18 months' time the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA), from which so many of the problems derived, will cease to exist. Its responsibility for educating London will be transferred to the boroughs. They have until February to produce their outline plans for setting up their new education authorities.

In guidelines issued last week the Secretary of State for Education, Mr Kenneth Baker, made it plain that he expects ILEA to involve the boroughs in every decision taken on education between now and April 1990. No headteacher can be appointed without their approval; they must be consulted on all ILEA proposals, and they must be given a say in the appointment of all staff.

Mr Baker has told the borough education authorities that in drafting their plans they must consider the views of parents, teachers, heads, governing bodies, non-teaching staff, ethnic minority groups and neighbouring councils. Most of the new boroughs oppose the bulk of Mr Baker's reforms. From now until next April, they are expected to work with all the interested parties, and with Mr Baker, to effect a genuine improvement in educational standards.

If they are to have any chance of success, they will have to put their prejudices aside, resist the temptation to block the changes passed by Parliament and work honestly and diligently to make London's schools fit places for education. Unfortunately, dogma has not been overcome.

The Government is committed to privatization, to competitive tendering for public services. These are policies that have been accepted by the electorate. Not unnaturally Mr Baker has included them in his guidelines. He has asked the new education authorities to make arrangements for competitive tendering for catering, cleaning, ground maintenance and transport. But instead of meeting the challenge of this education revolution, many local authorities are just brushing up their political jargon to justify non-cooperation.

The key to a smooth handover is consultation, not political posturing and not bickering. The last months of ILEA need to be marked by a spirit of co-operation. If ILEA prevaricates, or the boroughs fail to inspire confidence in their ability to improve education, the result will be the one both ILEA and the boroughs have striven hardest to prevent: more and more schools will opt out of the local authority system.

Some of the boroughs have already appointed chief education officers. Most say privately that they look forward to running their own schools. They must now start saying the same thing in public. If they do not, they may end up with a mere handful of schools to run.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nurses' grounds for grievance

From Dr Julian M. Leigh

Sir, Mrs Thatcher (report, August 3) promised "fair and consistent implementation" of the nurses' pay award "within both the letter and spirit of the agreement" between the profession and review body.

The review body promised that "all the more heavily-loaded jobs currently at sister II will in future be at grade G *or above*.

Heavy loading particularly affects sisters in intensive-care units. As *The Times* rightly comments (leading article, August 11) this means that there may be up to a dozen such sisters in a single unit.

Using their own clinical judgement and expertise they interpret electrocardiograms, deliver electric shocks to the heart when it has stopped beating, intubate the trachea in resuscitation, give dangerous controlled drugs singly or in combination, take patients on and off life-support breathing machines, administer epidural drugs, carry out renal dialysis, and have a continuous teaching commitment to their juniors, besides nursing the patients in the conventional sense and supporting and counselling distressed relatives.

So why are they unhappy? Mrs Currie (report, August 11) does not appear to know. The reason is that clear directives from the DHSS are that there should be only one G grade sister per department, thus down-grading the majority of the "heavily loaded" sisters in intensive care to F and imposing a financial penalty on specialising. This down-grading will have a knock-on effect on the grading of staff nurses in training in intensive care.

I am supporting the local nurse managers in pushing for G grading for the sisters in my unit and my colleagues around the country are doing the same. Otherwise, if the DHSS gets its way, the supply of sisters in intensive care will dry up, intensive-care units will close and the public will be the loser.

Yours faithfully,
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August 11.

Putting the roads back on track

From Sir Peter Lazarus

Sir, I was most concerned to read (reports, August 1, 11) of a moratorium on motorway and trunk road maintenance. A few years ago I had to defend the Department of Transport to the Public Accounts Committee and also the Select Committee on Transport for allowing the backlog to exist, but at that time there was a firm commitment to clear the backlog by 1992, the earliest date consistent with keeping traffic moving, and then to keep pace with the need for maintenance work.

A single additional year's delay cannot be all that important. But roads prove the old adage about "a stitch in time" and if a growing backlog again leads to serious delays in the programme, the necessary maintenance and repair will not only cost more but will involve more extensive work and therefore additional delays for all traffic.

The operation of road transport is almost wholly a private-sector activity. But apart from major river crossings, no way has been found of dealing with the roads infrastructure in the private sector; as a result, there is no direct relationship between the growth in demand for roads, and expenditure by the Government and local highway authorities on roads.

That must be inefficient for the nation. Any sensible industrialist would ensure that materials could be moved efficiently within his factory. But there is no way that he can ensure that the roads he needs for his transport will be built and then kept up to a high standard.

I hope that the Government will undertake, speedily, to get back on course. This is crucial, since the maintenance problem is growing. The Roads Policy White Paper of 1987 referred to the growing bridge problem; that will need additional resources if it is to be tackled in time. The situation on local authority roads and bridges is even more alarming.

Business and industry need good, well-maintained roads if they are to function efficiently. They already pay for those roads through the taxation system. They now face the real danger of having to pay still more for the delays that will inevitably occur if necessary maintenance is put off.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LAZARUS,
28 Woodside Avenue, N6.
August 12.

A grouse about Glyndebourne

From Mrs Ilsa Yardley

Sir, I read with great enjoyment Bernard Levin's excellent piece on Glyndebourne (August 8). It is indeed every bit as magical as he describes it and it seems to me that nothing needs to be changed, except the audience.

There is a body of members, either companies or individuals – the waiting list is very long: I have been on it for some 12 years and have yet to be offered membership – who have an extended period of priority booking before those on the mailing list and ordinary individuals have a chance to apply for tickets. Inevitably, by the time that moment comes, almost all the seats for anything but the least popular operas have already been taken up.

It is, of course, obvious that those who contribute to the enormous costs of the annual festival should have the right to book seats before others who do not, but unfortunately, over the years, a visit to Glyndebourne has become more and more a prestige outing rather than a visit to a superbly-performed work of art and it is galling for genuine opera-lovers to be unable to get tickets when they know, from past visits, that a considerable number of people are there because it is a place to be seen rather than to see and hear.

On several occasions I have sat next to someone who has slept his way peacefully through an hour or so of Verdi or Mozart, come to during the supper interval – the applause at the end of the act serves as an excellent alarm bell – then gone back to sleep again a few minutes into the second act.

Yours faithfully,
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August 10.

Speed and the tunnel

From Mr Robert H. Foster

Sir, The present Channel tunnel controversy concerns the means of getting international trains from the tunnel to London. A completely new line would not only be environmentally damaging but extremely expensive to construct – more so than its French counterpart to Calais, which is, in any event, more easily justified since it serves other traffic flows from Paris to Lille, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

Also, a new line would only be capable of accommodating passenger trains. Yet high speed is essential, both commercially and psychologically, and preferably should be available, at least in part, when the tunnel opens in 1993.

An option which is less costly, quicker to build, and environmentally less sensitive than any of the four options in a recent British Rail report is to build two new tracks at the side of the existing line from the tunnel mouth at Folkestone to Edenbridge (50 miles). This is one of the longest straight stretches of railway in Europe and would be ideally suited.

From there international trains would follow the present route to Croydon, the level of domestic traffic upon which, given automatic computer-controlled signalling, could easily be accommodated on one of the two tracks, requiring the construction of only one additional track.

From Croydon to Clapham Junction there is scope, by a combination of diversion of some existing trains, widening the infrastructure and some new building, to provide a dedicated pair of tracks for international trains, the 15-minute interval "Gatwick Express" service and the fast London-south coast trains.

In contrast to the present and envisaged routes, the route suggested would give direct access to Victoria or Waterloo and the cross-London line via Kensington.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. FOSTER,
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Near Skipton, North Yorkshire.
August 11.

Hospice funding

From Dr D. F. Boomla

Sir, Your leader (August 3), "Care of the dying", accepts the need, highlights the precarious financial position and, in part, defines the nature of the problem but then loses its way in the morass of funding.

We need a joint policy between the voluntary organisation and the NHS of reciprocating assistance, using such centres of excellence as St Christopher's as a teaching resource to pass on the knowledge and the accumulated experience of the past two decades.

The return of multi-disciplinary teams from such a learning experience back into the local hospitals and community will raise the quality and level of services available, and spread the ethos of the hospice movement. For this service there is no logical reason why they should not charge a commercial rate.

What is abundantly clear is that an ever-increasing demand is chasing a finite quantity of money. Unless a national professional and financial policy is evolved, the financial base of the hospice movement will continue in its accelerating downward spiral.

Yours faithfully,
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Eltham, SE9.

Safeguarding the soil

From the Director General of the Feritiliser Manufacturers Association Limited

Sir, Those committed to efficient farming in the UK will commend the theme of your August 9 leader – that measures to stabilize domestic farm incomes "should not be at the expense of a freer world market". But it is also important that rural communities in marginal farming areas, often the most beautiful part of this country, should be protected against the potentially harmful consequences of such a commitment to efficiency.

For those of our farming areas, such as East Anglia, which can compete in world markets with their produce, it is also important that their success should not be constrained by well-intentioned but ill-advised measures designed to safeguard the environment.

Your leader referred to pressure to cut fertiliser use to stem the rising level of nitrate in drinking water. This is just such an example. Objective research at Rothamsted has shown that very little of the nitrate leached comes directly from unused fertiliser applied at the recommended rates.

As there is good evidence to show that farmers do not waste money by excessive applications of fertiliser, little would be gained by measures designed to cut its use and it could jeopardise the long-term fertility of the soil. Any measures taken by Government must be based on the best evidence available.

Yours faithfully,
B. HIGGS,
Director General,
The Fertiliser Manufacturers Association Limited,
Greenhill House,
90-93 Cowcross Street, EC1.
August 10.

Validity of bishops

From Mr Gerard Noel

Sir, In the public eye for three weeks have been the 500 bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion meeting at Canterbury. Are all such bishops, in the official view of the Roman Catholic Church, invalidly ordained?

The answer, unfortunately, however strictly and technically speaking, is "Yes." Pope Leo XIII's 1896 Bull, *Apostolicae Curae*, declaring Anglican orders to be "absolutely null and utterly void" has never been repealed, despite the new spirit of certain key passages in Vatican II documents and a general feeling that *Apostolicae Curae* is no longer relevant.

When will some British Roman Catholic churchman of authority have the temerity to speak for so many of us and urgently petition the Holy See to reopen this whole question in the hope, ultimately, of removing so formidable a barrier to any kind of meaningful Anglican-Roman Catholic ecumenical dialogue? Clearly, the time has come for an entirely new direction to be pursued in this area.

Yours truly,
GERARD NOEL,
The Catholic Herald,
Herald House,
Lamb's Passage,
Bunhill Road, EC1.
August 8.

Commuter woe

From Mr P. C. Price

Sir, In your report ("Commuter praised for escalator crush protest," August 11) on the case brought by British Transport Police against Mr Sutton, you note that the station manager at Oxford Circus suggested that Mr Sutton write to London Transport.

Whether he would have achieved more success than I have is open to surmise. I wrote from my office, which is situated adjacent to the Broadway offices, as long ago as July 18 about misleading loudspeaker information, and I have received neither response nor acknowledgement.

It is not uncommon to find the majority of barriers closed at peak times on many parts of both the Underground system and at British Rail termini and the frustration of the traveller is compounded by the sight of groups of uniformed railway staff standing round gossiping instead of easing the congestion of their paying customers.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. PRICE,
Dol-y-Coed,
19 Oaklands Park,
Bishop's Stortford,
Hertfordshire.
August 11.

Bursting out all over

From Mr John Peek

Sir, The other day four separate breakthroughs were reported in a single issue of *The Times*. As hardly a day goes by without some breakthrough or other being reported on television or in the press, there must be a large number of holes somewhere. Could they, perhaps, be causing this damage to the ozone layer everyone is talking about?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PEEK,
Les Broches, Chambonas,
07140 Les Vans,
France.
August 4.

On the run

From Mrs D. Beardmore-Gray

Sir, I liked Mrs Parker-Jervis's letter (August 5) but the sign that really gave us pause for thought was seen at the approach to a French village: "Please watch out for our 132 children". One moment of inattention and they might have to change the numbers.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. BEARDMORE-GRAY,
7 Murdoch Road,
Wokingham, Berkshire.
August 8.

Reading classics

From Lord Brand

Sir, May I say how much I agree with Drs Jones and Sidwell in their letter published today (August 11). This letter does not, however, disclose the severity of the present situation.

If the rising tide of ignorance and philistinism in the English-speaking world is to be stemmed, there must be a resumption of the teaching of the classics in our schools and universities. Our learned professions may well be becoming suicidal because their members cannot communicate with each other in intelligible English.

The increasing ignorance of grammar and syntax displayed by members of the Bar is distressing and alarming. In Scotland, the Faculty of Advocates made an horrendous mistake in abolishing the requirement for qualification in general scholarship as well as in law.

Yours truly,
D. W. R. BRAND,
Ardgarten,
6 Marmion Road,
North Berwick, East Lothian.
August 11.

All at sea

From the Reverend S. P. Corbett

Sir, Your report (August 9) of the proposed sale of a Bournemouth beach hut at a price of £12,000 or more is surely a sad and disturbing example of the kind of society we seem to be becoming. By what kind of values are we motivated when wealth is frittered away on such items of trivia?

One would like to suggest to anyone in the fortunate position of being able to consider wasting money in this or any similar fashion that they consider the alternative: how about donating it to one or more of the many charitable causes working to relieve human need and suffering – agencies concerned with the plight of the homeless, for example?

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN P. CORBETT,
68 Tollington Park, N4.
August 10.

Time for a clean-up

From Mrs Harry Miller

Sir, After the article (Spectrum, August 5) on the filthy state of the nation's public places perhaps the following experience may be of interest.

On the platform of a London station recently I sat beside a young woman with two small children. She produced the cans and packets for a "meal", and although her elbow almost rested on a litter bin, proceeded to throw her discarded containers on to the platform. The children did likewise.

In the train I happened to sit, facing an Indian boy of about 12, travelling alone. He had a bag of sweets, and taking out some to eat and unwrapping them, carefully folded the sticky sides of the little papers together and, equally as a matter of course put them in his pocket.

Is it beyond the means of those who do know better to concentrate more on the training of the trainers of the next generation?

Yours sincerely,
JENETTA MILLER,
4 Norrys Road,
Cockfosters,
Barnet, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Malcolm Wearing

Sir, Your Spectrum article concerning the problem of litter coincided with my return from a trip to California. In driving from San Francisco to Los Angeles and staying in both cities I cannot remember seeing any litter.

What did catch my eye was the number of signs, both on the side of freeways and in the city streets, which bore the message, "Litter, $1,000 fine".

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM WEARING,
10 The Whitfields,
Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Don't call us . . .

From Mr John Uprichard

Sir, Am I correct in assuming that the phrase "Give me your telephone number and we'll ring you back" is challenging the phrase "Our cheque is in the post" as being the most meaningless and empty in the business lexicon?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN UPRICHARD,
Rotherwood, Tansley,
Matlock, Derbyshire.
August 7.

Back in the fold

From Mr David Gwynne Jones

Sir, I have in my possession a letter, received sometime in 1946 I believe, from the committee of the Llanyblodwel Welcome Home Committee. The 70 of us who, in the words of the letter "had answered our Country's call in its hour of peril" all received a cheque for £5.5.0 as a token of the parishioners' gratitude. Happily we all returned to the fold.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GWYNNE JONES,
Wenallt, St Harmon Road,
Rhayader, Powys.
August 8.

Somewhat pathetic

From Mr Stephen W. Allen

Sir, In your "Flight check" (August 8) your correspondents are perhaps a little more accurate than even they realise. From Luton Airport, you state, "a second Monarch flight to Pathos at 9.20 p.m. was expected to leave at around 1.45 a.m."

One wonders if there could be any more accurate destination, bearing in mind the recent delays and disruptions.

Yours faithfully,
S. W. ALLEN,
Kilroy Allen & Co., Solicitors,
16 High Street, Sedgley,
Dudley, West Midlands.
August 10.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA
August 13: The Prince Edward and The Princess Royal disembarked from HM Yacht Britannia this afternoon.

The Princess Royal subsequently travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to Glasgow where Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow and the Hon City Treasurer (Councillor Jean McFadden).

The Princess Royal opened the Sheltered House Units at the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation Home, Hunter Hill and afterwards visited the Glasgow Garden Festival.

In the evening Her Royal Highness attended the 1988 International Police Tattoo at the Scottish Exibition and Conference Centre Glasgow.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and Lady Jacobs, and bade farewell to Their Excellences on behalf of Her Majesty.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK
August 14: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Angus Ogilvy, today opened Glanford Park Stadium, the new stadium for Scunthorpe United Football Club, South Humberside, and later attended a football game between Scunthorpe United and a Football League XI.

Her Royal Highness and Mr Ogilvy travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Miss Mona Mitchell was in attendance.

The Princess Royal celebrates her birthday today.

Birthdays today

Mr Robert Bolt, playwright, 64; Sir Charles Carter, former vice-chancellor, Lancaster University, 69; Mr Jim Dale, actor, 53; Mr Edmund Dell, former MP, 67; Mr Harold C. Edwards, surgeon, 89; Dr Hans Feibusch, mural painter, 90; Sir Monty Finniston, former chairman, British Steel Corporation, 76; Mr James Flecker, headmaster, Ardingly College, 49; Dame Wendy Hiller, actress, 76; Miss Rita Hunter, soprano, 55; Lord Ingrow, 71; Lord Kilbrandon, 82; the Hon Hugh Lawson, director-general, King George's Fund for Sailors, 57; Mr Jack Lynch, former Prime Minister, Republic of Ireland, 71; Sir Patrick Nairne, master, St Catherine's College, Oxford, 67; Sir Kenneth Newman, former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, 62; Mr Oscar Peterson, jazz pianist, 63; Mr Justice Popplewell, 61; Professor Sir Leon Radzinowicz, criminologist, 82; Lady Jean Rankin, royal equerry, 83; Air Marshal John de M. Severne, Captain of the Queen's Flight, 63; the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, 42.

New Lords whip

Lord Strathclyde has been appointed a House of Lords whip; he replaces Lord Beaverbrook who has been appointed deputy treasurer of the Conservative Party.

Clifford Longley

Just war, unjust revolution

The concept of a "just war" in Christian theology seems to lead logically to the possibility of a "just revolution", but this is not a new idea – St Thomas Aquinas appeared to think as much. Whether Christians may *in extremis* engage in violent subversive activity was a dilemma which exercised the consciences of some who took part in the 1944 bomb plot against Hitler. There is a considerable history, therefore, to the theological issues addressed by the Lambeth Conference in its famous "armed struggle" resolution, which was widely thought to be mainly about South Africa but instead caused a brief storm in Ireland. It was defended as a valid development of just war theology.

The conference's "understanding" of those who engage in "armed struggle" was conditional upon peaceful means to correct injustice having first been exhausted. It was expressed, as in the theory of just war, as a last resort. There are three other traditional conditions for a war to be deemed just (*jus ad bellum*): a grave and persistent injustice; due proportionality between the damage the war will do and the scale of the injustice; and a reasonable hope of success. There are also conditions attached to the way such a war must be conducted (*jus in bello*), which have found their way from medieval theology into modern international law in the form of Conventions protecting the rights of prisoners and civilians.

But these conditions for a just war by no means meet the case of violent subversion or revolution. War is between states, and states have a prima facie legitimacy and status, whereas revolutionaries by definition do not. Thus a state may engage in a just war, but who is to say who may engage in a just revolution? Unless it is truly a mass uprising (on behalf of society as a whole), the moral status of a revolutionary movement is bound to be very questionable. The only standing it has is the standing it awards itself. From outside it is indistinguishable from a violent criminal conspiracy, albeit with a political rather than financial objective.

Conventional warfare is fundamentally about armed conflict for the possession and control of space; military contest aimed at replacing one sort of political and social order by another. Revolutionary struggles rarely have such geographical simplicity, and are not about substituting order but destroying it, at least as a means if not an end.

The common analogy with the self-evident morality of the French Resistance in the Second World War therefore breaks down, for though the Resistance had many of the appearances of a revolutionary struggle, its fundamental purpose was to aid conventional armies in their more orthodox measures to wrest control of space from the enemy. The regime against which it was directed was ultimately to be toppled not by subversion or terrorism, but by pitched battle and conquest. This gave it the moral legitimacy of conventional just war, and also established clearly the moral status of the combatants, as agents and representatives of states at war. Revolutionaries have no such positive purpose or status.

The nature of "armed struggle" is also morally problematical, even leaving aside the inevitable contravention of "Thou shalt not kill". When nations make war they aim to prevail by military force, using soldiers, tanks, aircraft and warships against the other side's similar men and equipment. Civilians simply get in the way. But revolutions are nowadays conducted according to sophisticated theories of which the intimidation by terrorism of the civilian population always forms an essential part.

The fundamental flaw in the Lambeth Conference proviso, that peaceful and democratic means have first to be exhausted, is that revolutionary movements deliberately make it their first aim to render such normal political life impossible, so that "armed struggle" is the only way left. They seek the breakdown of social order, for instance, by engaging systematically in terrorist activities in order to provoke the security forces of the state to violations of human rights, thereby alienating the civilian population from the government. They privately welcome the suspension of democratic freedoms and the principles of the rule of law in the name of security for the same reason.

The alienation and polarization of the community is therefore an essential part of any campaign of "armed struggle" if it is to succeed. It is done by propaganda, intimidation and coercion, by the undermining of public confidence and by planned terrorism. But by attacking order in society "armed struggle" creates anarchy and breaks down civilization itself, which must gradually revert to barbarism. In the name of opposition to injustice, it ultimately makes all justice impossible (except "revolutionary justice"), for justice requires a social order. It cannot hope, therefore, to pass the just war test of proportionality.

Any state faced with such "armed struggle" will take appropriate measures, which include collecting information and intelligence. For those engaged in such "armed struggle", the existence of informers in the civilian population has to be met by intimidation and ultimately by assassination.

So in all these ways it is in the nature of "armed struggle" that it is widened to include those very non-combatants that in just war theory must be left at peace. They become in fact the battlefield, the "territory" to be fought over and controlled. But by this stage, "armed struggle" will have lost all touch with the concept of a just war.

Thus the theory of a just revolution remains only a theory. For the paradox is that the only kind of "armed struggle" likely to succeed, thereby meeting the last of the four conditions for a just war – reasonable chance of success – is one conducted ruthlessly according to these principles. Anyone playing by the rules will fail; but anyone not playing by the rules does not deserve to win.

Nature Notes



The great tit

Great tits are singing again. Song is usually a challenge from one male to another, and in these late summer days there is often a short burst of aggression and competition before the tits join up in their big winter feeding flocks.

Willow warblers are drifting through the countryside, usually alone, and calling softly in the thick hedges. Buzzards are moving away from their nesting places: they glide and circle on heavy-looking, rounded wings, their cries ringing through the valleys.

Wild angelica flourishes in the ditches: it is best distinguished from hogweed by its curious double leaf – a fleshy, tongue-like base, with what looks like a sprig of parsley growing out of the end of it.

Greater celandine – a small yellow poppy that is unrelated to the buttercup-like lesser celandine of spring – grows in thick clumps, often by garden gates. Hazelnuts are plump but still green; grey squirrels are already tearing them from the bushes and leaving them littered on the ground.

Daddy-long-legs stumble up and down the window panes. Heather is in full flower, and the humming of the vast number of bees collecting its nectar is like a single vibrating sheet of sound across the whole moor.

DJM



More than 200 balloons took off in the 10th anniversary Bristol International Balloon Fiesta at the weekend, but bad weather meant that many got no further than the car park (Photograph: Chris Cole).

Marriages

Captain R.A.P. Cary and Miss C.R.L'E. Burges
The marriage took place on Saturday at Edgbaston Old Church of Captain Richard Cary, 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, youngest son of the late Sir Michael Cary and of Lady Cary, of Huntswood House, Harpsden, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, to Miss Caroline Burges, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Denys L'Estrange Burges, of Claremont, 11 Somerset Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Canon R.G. Lunt officiated, assisted by the Rev Jack Griffiths.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lavinia Jackman, Alexandra Sandbach, Sophie Green, Matthew Scott and Arthur Cary. Mr Michael Bell was best man and a guard of honour was found by Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.K.E. Blyth and Miss N.J.E. Manning
The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Eastbourne, of Mr Andrew Blyth, elder son of the Rev Kenneth and Mrs Blyth, of Eastbourne, to Miss Nicola Manning, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Manning, of Yateley. The bridegroom's father officiated, assisted by the Ven R. Herniman.

A reception was held at the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne.

Mr E. Gorge and Miss S.H. Bristow
The marriage took place in London on Friday, August 12, between Mr Ernst Gorge and Miss Hazel Bristow.

Mr A.J. MacG. Petrie and Miss S.A. Robinson
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 13, 1988 at Christ Church, Spitalfields, of Mr Angus Petrie and Miss Sarah Robinson. The Rev Eddy Stride officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Emma Musty.

A reception was held at Toynbee Hall.

Mr S.M. Taylor and Miss P.S. Little
The marriage took place on May 28, 1988, at St Margaret's Westminster between Mr Stephen Mark Taylor, younger son of Mrs I. Taylor, of Beckenham, and Miss Penelope Sorrel Little, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L. Little, of Sydenham. Prebendary Clive Taylor officiated.

A reception was held at The Warren, Hayes, Kent. The honeymoon was spent in Venice.

Mr G.St.J.R. Williams and Miss H.V. Stokes
The marriage took place on August 13, in Queens' College Chapel, Cambridge, of Mr Gareth Williams, elder son of Mr and Mrs Rhys Williams, of Coventry, to Miss Helen Stokes, daughter of Mr Derek Stokes and the late Mrs Stokes, of Blyth. Canon Brian Hebblethwaite officiated.

A reception was held in the Old Hall, Queens' College.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.M. Parker and Miss M.A. Drummond
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr Cecil Parker and the late Mrs Parker, of Swansea, Glamorgan, and Mary, elder daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Angus Drummond, of Ashley Gardens, London.

Mr W.J.H. Finch and Miss C.G.M. Laing
The engagement is announced between William, youngest son of Mr and Mrs C.G. Finch, of Little Shelford, Cambridge, and Katie, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs J.A. Laing, of Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.T.F. Fleming and Miss R.L. Crowther
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Fleming, of Lewes, Sussex, and Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Crowther, of Fingest, Buckinghamshire.

Lieutenant R. Goodall and Miss S.A. Clifford
The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Goodall, of Llandrindod Wells, Powys, and Sally Ann, youngest daughter of Mr Charles Clifford, of Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, and the late Mrs Rosemary Ann Clifford.

Mr J.M. Lackham-Down and Miss E.L. van den Bergh
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs Melvyn Lackham-Down, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward van den Bergh, of Bickley, Kent.

Mr A.B. Hawkins and Miss W.E. Alexander
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr Brian Hawkins, of Kington Magna, Dorset, and Mrs Hazel Hawkins, of West Byfleet, Surrey, and Wendy, daughter of Mrs E. Alexander, of Cobham, Surrey, and the late Mr T.D. Alexander.

Mr P.N. Harrison and Miss V.P.A. Raymond
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Neville Harrison, of Woking, Surrey, and Virginia, daughter of Mr Michael Raymond, of Belchamp Walter, Essex, and Mrs June Raymond, of Liphook, Hampshire

Mr J.R. Stevenson and Miss S.M. Potterton
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.D. Stevenson, of Rudgwick, West Sussex, and Suzanne, eldest daughter of Mr A.J. Potterton, of Wilkinstown, Co Meath, and Mrs A. Scott, of Rudgwick, West Sussex.

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OBITUARY

LORD JACOBSON

Former Editor of *Herald* and *The Sun*

Lord Jacobson, MC, a former Editor of the *Daily Herald* and of *The Sun* and a former Editorial Director of the Mirror Group, died on August 13 at the age of 79.

Sydney Jacobson was born in South Africa in 1908. His father died when he was still a boy and his mother brought him to Britain. They lived for a time in South Wales with their relations, the Silkins, two of whom were to serve in Labour Cabinets, and another of whom was to become Attorney General.

Jacobson and his mother later came to London and he went to Strand School. He took the new Diploma Course in Journalism at London University and served his practical apprenticeship on local papers in the South of England.

In 1934 he went out to India as assistant editor of *The Statesman*. Here he learned to ride and joined the local Militia. These were some of the happiest days of his life and he never lost his love for India.

During the Second World War he served with the Marie Louise Regiment, won the M.C. in Holland in 1944 and finished his service with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Jacobson worked on leaving India for that bright little magazine *Lilliput* and after the war he began to make his mark in Fleet Street.

He was a feature writer on *Picture Post* in the golden days of Tom Hopkinson's editorship and became known for perceptive sociological pieces such as *A Day in the Life of a Man on The Dole*.

In 1951 he joined the *Sunday Pictorial* (now the *Sunday Mirror*) as a feature writer and took the eye of Hugh Cudlipp who made him political editor of the *Daily Mirror*.

There, for 10 years, he described and analysed the Conservative Governments of Churchill, Eden and Macmillan, and the Labour Opposition led by Attlee and Gaitskell.

Jacobson was' hardly a "writer" in the conventional sense of the word. He produced succinct and clear pieces that punched home their message in the best *Mirror* tradition: plain words that said what they meant and meant what they said. He also helped Cudlipp to formulate policy.

In 1962, shortly after the Mirror Group had taken over Odhams with its problem paper, the *Daily Herald*, Jacobson was made editor of that paper with Richard Dinsdale, former deputy editor of the *Mirror* as his right-hand man. They discovered, however, that the *Mirror's* magic did not rub off on the *Herald*.



As the old readers died, they were not replaced. Was the name "Herald" a handicap? Did it create an image of pre-war poverty and commitment to Transport House orthodoxy? Pondering these questions the *Mirror* came round to an idea, with which Odhams had been flirting years before, of relaunching the paper and giving it a new title *The Sun*.

Market research showed there was an apparent potential among people on their way to an affluence their parents had never attained.

The launch was a success. Over three million copies were sold on the first day.

But new readers did not stay with the paper. The expectations created by the preliminary publicity were too high. Undaunted, Jacobson set out to improve *The Sun* and eventually created an efficient popular paper which ought to have filled the alleged gap in the market, but did not.

By 1970 Cudlipp had become Chairman of the International Publishing Corporation, as the Mirror Group was now called. *The Sun's* readership was falling under one million and he was under commercial pressure either to kill the albatross or unload it. The only bidder for *The Sun* was Mr Rupert Murdoch.

When Jacobson reached 65 he was asked to stay on for a year as deputy chairman of I.P.C. At last he had full editorial responsibility and the luck to exercise it in 1974, a year in which there were two general elections. From the start of the first one he left no doubt that the *Mirror*, under the new regime, still stood firmly on the side of Labour.

Jacobson took the final sentence of a draft leading article and gave the whole of page one to it, alongside a picture of Edward Heath: "And Now He Has The Nerve To Ask For A Vote Of Confidence."

Heath's team were upset. The *Mirror* had demanded that the government should take Britain into the Common Market and stand up for the trade unions. This they had done, yet the *Mirror* was backing the Labour Opposition.

Jacobson was accused of turning the paper into a political pamphlet, but he had gone no further than King himself had gone ten years earlier.

Command came easily to Jacobson. He exuded authority. He was the silent man in an office full of compulsive talkers who would briefly sum up their rhetoric in a score of decisive words.

As an administrator, he was compassionate but firm. He could, however, easily escape his austerity and lead the party in anecdote and song.

He was always the committed journalist for whom journalism was much more than an end in itself. With his South African and Indian experience and his own Jewish background, he had deep feelings about race relations and would have liked to give his whole time to the problems in retirement.

He was created a Life Peer in 1975.

He leaves a widow, two sons (one of whom is Mr Philip Jacobson, *The Times* Paris Correspondent) and one daughter.

PROF WILLIAM MAYNEORD

Professor William Valentine Mayneord, CBE, a former Professor of Physics Applied to Medicine in the University of London, died on August 10, aged 86.

As Director of the Physics Department of the Royal Cancer Hospital – later incorporated into the Institute of Cancer Research – he set a pattern of mutual cooperation and confidence between the physicists and the medical staff which became a model for hospital physics departments.

He had been the first chairman in 1956 of the UK Delegation to the newly-formed United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation.

Mayneour did important work studying natural radioactivity in the environment and was a pioneer in the clinical applications of artificially-produced radioactive materials.

He had trained as a physicist, but was no narrow specialist. He developed a keen insight into the principles of biology and medicine.

Although his first work at the Royal Cancer Hospital was in the field of cancer-producing chemicals, for which he received international recognition, Mayneord moved away from this when he became aware of problems in the radiation treatment of cancer and of the need for putting radiation dosimetry on to a proper scientific basis.

His work on radiation units and dosimetry has been a major influence in radiation treatment. He subsequently became involved, both nationally and internationally, in the problems of radiation hazard and protection.

With Sir David Smithers he was the conceiver and the architect of the Royal Marsden Hospital, Surrey, and this is commemorated in the ward named after him.

In his retirement he returned to his early interest in the origins and causation of cancer and carried out fundamental mathematical studies, linking probability considerations with patterns of biological response.

Mayneord's interests were not only scientific; he had a great love for Renaissance Art. He had been a trustee of the National Gallery, and past chairman of its scientific advisory committee.

MR EDWARD B. WILLIAMS

Mr Edward Bennett Williams, a famous United States lawyer whose clients during a 30 year-long career in Washington included such figures Senator Joseph McCarthy and Mr John Connally, the former Governor of Texas, and institutions like the Ford Motor Company, died on August 13, aged 68.

Williams was well known to some of the most powerful figures in American politics. The Democratic National Committee was also among his clients and he served from 1974 to 1977 as the party's treasurer.

In the Watergate scandal Mr Richard Nixon, the former Republican President, was overheard on one of the tapes saying that Williams should be "fixed."

Born the son of a department store supervisor in Connecticut, Williams trained at the Georgetown Law School, joining a well-established law firm shortly afterwards. But he quickly decided to open his own criminal practice.

Among his first big cases was defending McCarthy in two libel proceedings.

Williams seemed to be always well in with the occupant of the White House, but he denied he was anything of a lobbyist. His fellow lawyers admired Williams' ways pleading with juries.

He personally only admitted to losing one major case, the 1967 fraud and tax evasion trial of Bobby Baker, the former aide of President Johnson. Baker went to jail.

COL RAYMOND LABROSSE

Lieut-Colonel Raymond LaBrosse, MC, who helped to spirit numerous Allied airmen out of France and back to England during the Second World War, died on August 6 at the age of 67.

LaBrosse was one of dozens of French-Canadians recruited by British military intelligence for behind-the-lines operations in France.

He served with the Royal Canadian Corp of Signals in England in 1942, and trained as a radio operator. The following year he and a colleague were parachuted into a forest near Paris to round up Allied airmen who had either escaped from POW camps or eluded capture by the Germans.

He led 29 fliers out of France through Spain to Gibraltar in August of 1943. Later that year he went back to France and worked on an underground railway called the Shelbourne Line.

By the time it was dissolved, with the Normandy invasion of June 6, 1944, the line had funnelled 128 airmen and seven intelligence agents back to England.

Mr John Sebastian Morley, who ran the famous London family harp-making firm for many years, has died at the age 90. He was a friend of many famous harpists, including the Spanish virtuoso, Nicanor Zabaleta.

MISS NORMA MILLER

Miss Norma Patricia Miller, a classical scholar whose work lay mainly in the elucidation of the Roman historian Tacitus, died on July 27, aged 63.

She published valuable editions of *Annals I* (1958) and *Annals 15* (1972), and contributed many articles and reviews to learned journals on aspects of Tacitus' approach to historiography.

Norma Miller was educated at Glasgow University and Girton College, Cambridge. From 1948 to 1953 she was assistant lecturer in classics at Royal Holloway College, University of London and then, from 1953 to 1964, a lecturer there until her appointment as Reader in Latin in 1964.

She was Dean of College at Royal Holloway from 1953 to 1955 and Vice-Principal from 1964 to 1967. In 1968 she was Visiting Professor at Trent University, Ontario.

Upon her retirement three years ago she became Reader Emeritus (or Emerita, as she would have put it, with a characteristic touch of ironical scrupulosity).

She was President of the Classical Association, 1986-87.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Blake, admiral, Bridgwater, 1599; Napoleon Bonaparte, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1769; Sir Walter Scott, Edinburgh, 1771; Thomas de Quincey, Manchester, 1785; Walter Crane, illustrator, Liverpool, 1845; James Keir Hardie, chairman of the Independent Labour Party 1893-1900, 1913-14, Lanark, 1856; Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, composer, London, 1875; Sir Peter Buck, Maori politician, Urenui, New Zealand, 1880; Edna Ferber, novelist, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1887; T E Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), Tremadoc, 1888.

DEATHS: MacBeth, King of Scots 1040-57, killed, Lumphanan, Aberdeen, 1057; Joseph Joachim, violinist and composer, Berlin, 1907; Paul Signac, pioneer of Pointillism, Paris, 1935; René Magritte, Surrealist painter, Brussels, 1967.

VJ Day, celebrating the surrender of Japan, 1945.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will disembark HMY Britannia and meet a representative group of people connected with the Piper Alpha Oil Rig disaster at Aberdeen Harbour at 10.00. They will arrive at Balmoral Castle at 11.25.

Latest wills

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Mr John Alfred **Thompson**, of Stretton under Fosse, Warwickshire £388,807

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God has set the right time for everything. he has given us a desire to know the future, but never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what he does.
Ecclesiastes 3.11

BIRTHS

CALLUND - On July 19th, at Clinica Alemana, Santiago, Chile, to Maria-Esther (née Ducci) and Jonathan, a daughter, Vanessa.

CHARLES - On August 10th, to Gillian (née Brett) and Clive, a son Christopher.

COATES - On August 13th, to Deirdre and Howard, a son, Thomas.

GREGORY - On August 12th 1988 at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, London, to Gillian (née White) and Charles, a daughter Anna Elizabeth, a sister for Victoria.

GUNN - On August 8th 1988, to Cathy (née Irving-Geissler) and Alistair, a son, Richard Henry George, a brother for Ian.

HURRELL - On August 10th 1988, to Fiona (née Bruce) and Henry, a daughter, Grateful thanks to all the staff at The Rosie.

JONES - On August 11th, to Lindsay (née Emery) and Alun, a daughter, Emma Victoria.

KELLY - On August 1st at St. Heliers Hospital, to Carol (née Morgan) and Blair, a daughter, Rebecca Alice.

LESLAU - On August 12th, to Nadine (née Liebermann) and Nicholas, a son, Ori Marcus.

MESTON - On August 12th to Annie and James, a daughter Elspeth, a sister for Thomas and Laura

MORGAN - On August 9th, to Clare (née Egan) and Charles, a son, John Henry (Jack), a brother for Catherine. Deo gratias

MURDOCH - On August 12th 1988, at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, to Shelagh and Neil, a son, Christopher Donald Ross, a brother for Joanna and Elen.

MYERS - On August 2nd at Royal Sussex County Hospital, to Marian (née Stacey) and Rowland, a second daughter, Amanda Louise Stacey.

PICKERING - On 19th July to Jane (née Crang) and Don, a son William Thomas.

SETTLE - On August 11th, to Jennifer (nee Hartley) and John, a daughter, Sarah, a sister for Rebecca, Adam, Paul and Stephen.

TAYLOR-YOUNG On August 12th, 1988 to Abigail (née Gilchrist) and Charles, a son Frederick Hugh

MARRIAGES

BELLAMY-COOPER - On August 6th, at Westminster Cathedral, Ephraim Frederick Patrick Bellamy of Cranmore Way, London, to Josephine Marjorie Cooper, of Whitehall Park, Highgate and Thanet, Kent.

DEATHS

AUSTEN - On August 7th, 1988, peacefully at home in her 90th year, Lilian, widow of the late Dr. A.E. Austen of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Beloved mother of Gordon, Margaret and Geoffrey and loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service on Tuesday 16th August, 12 noon at Southend Crematorium.

BELL - On August 12th, peacefully at Hays, Shaftesbury, Marjorie, aged 95, widow of Major H.G. Dewey and of Sir Robert Bell, beloved mother of Anthony, Hilary and the late Michael. Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. Cremation private. Family flowers only. Donations to *The British Legion, if desired.*

LEES - On August 12th, 1988 peacefully at Lodsworth, West Sussex, Mattie Helen, wife of James McLintock deceased. Mother of Jenny, Maggie and Andy of Port Erin, Isle of Man. Funeral Service at Lodsworth Parish Church on Wednesday August 17th, 1988 at 2.30 p.m. followed by cremation. Memorial Service at Rushen Parish Church, Port Erin, Isle of Man on Friday 19th August 1988 at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if *desired, to The West Sussex* MacMillan Service, King Edward VII Hospital Eastbourne, nr Midhurst, West Sussex. GU29 0BL

PARGITER - On August 10th 1988, peacefully after a long illness bravely fought, Dorothy Maud, Baroness, much loved mother of Donald, Russell and Isobel. Funeral at Croydon Crematorium on Wednesday August 24th at 2 pm. No flowers. Donations to Marie-Curie Home, Caterham.

SIMON - On August 11th, suddenly at *Oxford, Anne Gwendoline Margaret* (Nancy) Simon, devoted daughter of the late Canon and Mrs. John Simon of St. David's Brecon, and sister of the late Glyn and Esther. Funeral at St. Mary the Virgin Freeland on Wednesday August 17th at 2.30pm. followed by cremation at the Oxford Crematorium at 3.15pm.

WANLISS-ORLESAR - On Thursday 11th August, in Paris after a long and courageous fight with cancer, Christopher Ian Gerald, aged 51, dearest husband of Judith, beloved father of Aubrey and Andrew. Funeral in Paris on Thursday 18th August. Family flowers only but donations in U.K., if desired, to St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, London.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CAMPBELL-SMITH (née Beeney) - Leonora (Sally) on August 15th 1978, loved mother of Simon.

LANGTON-LOCKTON - Philip who died on August 15th, 1987. Devoted and beloved husband of Eileen, loved *and adored father of his children,* also a loving brother. Deeply missed by us all. From his loving wife Eileen and family.

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Witness for the truth?

The first television news reports from Hungerford on August 19 last year were remarkable not for the horror on the faces of the eye-witnesses interviewed, but for their undisguisable excitement. Shock must have supervened when the full story of Michael Ryan's multiple murders became apparent, but by then the Press were already retailing graphic descriptions of him as a walking arsenal, dressed as Sylvester Stallone in *Rambo*, from combat boots to headband.

Where the headband came from remains a mystery. In daylight that could not have been broader, Ryan had in fact worn a bush hat: which raises the question of fiction hijacking observation, or at least modulating it. The scramble to link the killings to Stallone's film, or to any frame of celluloid in existence, was as obtuse as it was fruitless; by some strange law of reversal, the determinism that the media (and outraged rent-a-quotes) wished to ascribe to the murderer's behaviour was applicable only to their own.

"Ryan's Headband" should perhaps be used generally to identify a belief in the power of visual images to influence moral conduct. A woman widowed by Ryan and interviewed on last night's *Everyman* (BBC1) recorded her bitterness that the killer had in some way been glamorized by his coverage, whereas he was "nothing more than a madman", and went on to speculate that this publicity might in turn lead others to attempt to outdo him for their own glorification, even if this were posthumous.

It is scarcely to be wondered that, having suffered bereavement and reptilian intrusion, those closest to the events of last summer should desire to be left in peace. With respect to their feelings, however, a lengthy examination of those feelings on national television might be thought a peculiar way of achieving that end.

Even so sedative a programme as this will not be the last word on the subject; the measure of its half-success was that one's curiosity was whetted more than satisfied.

Martin Cropper

Hilary Finch on a bold beginning to the Edinburgh Festival and **Robert Dawson Scott** on a comedy in Pitlochry

A princess is reborn

OPERA

Turandot
Leith Theatre

With characteristic audacity, the Folk-opera of Sweden pre-empted the official opening of the Edinburgh Festival and all but upstaged even the Sunday cavalcade, in an ingenious and revelatory production of *Turandot* which opened on Saturday night.

The listing of "Turandot as a child" in the cast, and the appearance of the white-smocked infant itself within a second of curtain-up, made one fear the worst. But there the audacity stopped.

Gone were the antics of their two previous visits to the Festival: the company as *enfants terribles* had put childhood firmly behind it, and matured into a vehicle for entirely serious and eloquent stagecraft.

Claes Fellbom, directing, offers an uncompromising explanation of Turandot's identification with the ravished princess of old: it is her own injured childhood which disables her as an adult.

The child is plagued, in dumb-show, by figures lashing and binding her with long black strips; Turandot herself hides, indeed is caged, within a hanging curtain of the same strips; the veil is removed only when she comes face-to-face with both her love for Calaf and her own childhood.

If this sounds like the worst sort of directorial intervention, I can only say that Fellbom vindicates himself time and again.

First, his concept grows naturally out of the space in which it is created. It is, being the Leith Theatre, a tiny one, and Sören Brunes's design really does give birth to invention out of hard necessity.

An apron extends into the audience for the most intimate action (and this tiny company rates intimacy highly); it is backed by a grid of scarlet scaffolding behind which the small orchestra is seen and clearly heard. The network of squares both cages Turandot and her courtiers at different levels, and provides for an ingenious game of neon noughts and crosses as Calaf answers his three riddles.

Most important, though, the abused childhood theme is never laboured, but always subordinated to the opera's greater, and undisputed, theme of the cleansing of evil, the healing of injury. In contrast with the ritual costumes and movement of Turandot's oppressive court, Timur, Calaf and Liu are dressed in timeless smocks of dusty terracotta and pink.

The tenderness of their respective relationships, in the context of a suffering, choric crowd, is most sensitively developed. When such human-kindness reaches its apotheosis in Calaf's relationship with Turandot, runners with a vast, billowing white canopy overshadow the happy pair.

In a production which relies so much on economy and effect of gesture and design, there are bound to be moments of staginess. The dropped masks of the chorus after Calaf strikes the gong, the child's final unfurling of a rainbow ribbon — moments like this tint the production with an inevitable archness.

But it never takes itself too seriously. Act Two opens with a delightful tea ceremony for Ping, Pang and Pong who, finally liberated, peel off their grey Mao jackets to reveal outrageously lurid T-shirts.

Best of all, conductor Glenn Mossop's own arrangement of the score for a 26-piece orchestra brings as much revelation through the ear as the staging does through the eye. Puccini's score is stripped to the bare bones of its violence, tenderness and emotional ambivalence; the unfamiliarity of the Swedish translation soon tellingly recedes to vanishing point.

There are times when the heroic tenor of Erling Larsen (Calaf), with its exciting, fast vibrato, could use more support, and times when Anne-Lise Berntsen's sharp blade of a dramatic soprano (Turandot) needs denser textures to cut through. But Pia-Marie Nilsson's radiant Liu and Staffan Ryden's Timur thrive in its more rarefied air.

The production will continue at the Leith Theatre, double-cast, until the end of the week.

PER B ADOLPHSON



Tenderness: Staffan Ryden (left) as Timur, and Erling Larsen as Calaf

Centenary brings out the best in Bridie

THEATRE

Daphne Laureola
Pitlochry

It was always a fair bet that Pitlochry's delightful Theatre in the Hills would produce the most sympathetic production of a James Bridie play in the playwright's centenary year. It is the kind of place where three-act plays seem natural and the audience applauds as the curtain rises. With only one of the four Bridie plays on offer in Scotland this summer to come, the bet looks safer still.

Daphne Laureola, arguably his most successful work, is Bridie's attempt to get to grips with the passion of unrequited love. This classical Daphne is Lady Pitts (Edith Macarthur), her Apollo a young Polish emigré (Colin Gourley), no doubt chosen by Bridie because no one would accept an Englishman who emotes quite like Ernest.

But Lady Pitts is a queer sort of nymph. Escaping from some sort of breakdown, desperately lonely and unfulfilled despite the attention of a minder and an aged husband, we and Ernest first meet her downing double brandies in a down-at-heel Soho bistro. Ernest falls for the seraphic smile, the dignity and grace of what people used to call "a real lady", even in her cups. And Edith Macarthur gives a beautifully measured performance, full of dignity and grace but shot through with pain and insecurity.

She has to deny Ernest of course (this is 1949, after all) but in the end it is because he sees her only as his vision of her and not the human being she is desperate to be taken for.

Most of Bill Pryde's production is workmanlike rather than brilliant and some of the acting in the minor parts is unspeakable. Colin Gourley, though, is suitably coltish and intense as the lovelorn young man. The best scenes of the play, however, and in this production are those between Lady Pitts and her husband (the excellent Roger Kemp).

Here the play deepens and darkens as Bridie finds himself talking with an unexpectedly modern voice about what forces this brilliant and beautiful woman to be kept, as her husband puts it, behind glass. Even as she rails at a world which has not allowed her to experience life, to take risks, she shelters in the halting, imperfect yet sincere love and affection of her husband. A different kind of love from that which Ernest offers, perhaps. But who is to say better or worse?

Robert Dawson Scott

PROMENADE CONCERTS

Unique crafted sounds

BBC SO/Eötvös
Albert Hall/Radio 3

As often happens with Witold Lutoslawski's music, it is the exquisitely crafted surface of *Chain 2* that first strikes the ear. Few contemporary sound-worlds so unmistakeably identify their creator.

There are, for instance, the lines that scurry like ants over all the pitches in a tiny span — piled up to create a polyphony which has a delicacy that belies the sheer quantity of instruments involved. Or the sudden brassy punctuations of clear-cut rhythms, like milestones along the road: and the passages where chance governs the correlation of events. (Though one suspects that Lutoslawski calculated that the players would behave like Pavlov's dogs, producing precisely the textures he wanted). And there are the beguiling instrumental combinations, a fabulous kaleidoscope through which the listener is guided with almost indecent haste.

But *Chain 2* is actually a mini-concerto for violin; moreover, it was written three years ago for one of the finest modern fiddlers, Anne-Sophie Mutter. So here Lutoslawski's customary vocabulary is also utilized to produce a virtuosic line for the soloist, yet one which characteristically eschews showy gestures in favour of subtle harmonic effects, strange taunting glissandi and tremendously fast pianissimo passage-work.

The work's structure is surely unique: soloist and orchestra often present simultaneous opposites — yet these opposites ingeniously fit snugly into each other — hence the "chain". And the balancing of quiet solo detail against orchestral texture is masterly.

Mutter was in superb touch, and Lutoslawski himself directed the BBC Symphony Orchestra with great precision. He also conducted a much earlier masterpiece, the 1958 *Musique funèbre*, which posed the BBC violins some problems, though the spectacular clusters of the climactic "Apogee" sounded properly intense.

The subsequent performance of Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra, conducted by Peter Eötvös, needed much more intensity to lift it above a pervading atmosphere of workmanlike competence. Eötvös was more persuasive in Liszt's symphonic poem *Tasso* which, before its comically bloated ending, has moments of dark, brooding power.

R.M.

"Electric Weekend" on the South Bank opened with Iannis Xenakis talking about his massive, eight-track tape work *La Légende d'Er* then supervising its performance through a dazzling "octophonic" sound system set up by EMAS.

Conceived for, and at, the Pompidou Centre, *Légende* is a kind of state-of-the-arts *son et lumière*, originally presented in a complex geometric tent of Xenakis's own design, with a laser show.

The music alone is stimulating enough: a thrilling 45-minute electronic encyclopaedia, drawing equally from instrumental, environmental and computer sources, phasing everything into greater, overlapping waves of sound, with a grandeur and coherence that engages both mind and senses.

After Xenakis, Stockhausen seemed decidely quaint. In *Mikrophonie I*, two players stand "exciting a tam-tam with a great variety of implements"; two others earnestly hold microphones to the gong, like doctors examining a bronchial chest, and two more print the sounds electronically.

Mikrophonie II is more compelling. For all the electronic distortion and vocal fragmentation, Stockhausen implies that the 12 singers (with their backs to the audience) are actually engaged in some mysterious ritual beyond our comprehension. An excellent performance here from the London Sinfonietta Voices, directed by Ronald Zollmann.

Richard Morrison

CONCERT

Xenakis/ Stockhausen
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Chris Peachment meets American novelist Richard Condon, best-selling author of *The Manchurian Candidate*, *Prizzi's Honour* and the newly published *Prizzi's Glory*

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STEPHEN MARKESON



Practised raconteur with no illusions about power: Richard Condon

Charley Partanna has come up in the world. Those who remember him as portrayed by Jack Nicholson in John Huston's film of Richard Condon's *Prizzi's Honour* will recall a more than somewhat thick lieutenant of the Prizzi mob; a man with a frozen upper lip, a doggy sense of loyalty and a happy ease at "zotzing" his fellow man, which made him a useful *vindicatore* to Don Corrado Prizzi, the ageing *capo di tutti capi* of the largest Mafia family outside Sicily.

In Condon's latest, *Prizzi's Glory*, Charley has at last been snared into marriage by Maerose, scheming granddaughter of the *capo* and heiress to 20 generations of Sicilian witchcraft, and after some suitable plastic re-working of his features and correction of his vowels, ends up Vice-President of the United States. It may be a comedy, but it does not read as far-fetched.

"After about one week of shooting *Prizzi's Honour*," says Condon, "Jack went to Huston and said he was worried about the script. He thought that some of the lines as written would get a laugh. Huston replied very slowly, 'Waal, it's a comedy, kid', and you could see a light bulb light up over Jack's head. No more trouble after that.

"The strange thing is that Jack and all the other members of the clan in the film look like German Americans. I originally wanted Robert De Niro, and Italian Americans, but I suspect there was some lobbying going on behind the scenes. These days the only people you can get to play villains are Eskimos. They are the last ethnic minority without a lobby."

For someone who specializes in anatomizing disorder in high places with a credibility which suggests inside knowledge, and who has made good capital out of such events as the assassination of J.F. Kennedy (three novels), Condon is a surprisingly cheery man. One expects a stone-faced official in the regulation dark suit, familiar with every wrinkle of the world's corruption; one gets a practised raconteur, with a high-pitched laugh that turns heads from 18 feet away.

But 22 years as a press agent, for every major film company bar Warners and Metro, must give a man a healthy disrespect for grotesque amounts of power and money, and the animal behaviour of those men who possess both. His favourite bad behaver was Howard Hughes, whose romantic indiscretions and extravagances, particularly as regards actresses, he excuses on the grounds that he had a metal plate in his head after one of his plane crashes.

Next week sees the re-release, after a quarter of a century on the shelf, of a new print of *The Manchurian Candidate*, directed by John Frankenheimer from Condon's novel, starring Frank Sinatra, and Lawrence Harvey as the man brainwashed by the Koreans to assassinate the President. The accepted story of its long absence from our screens is that Sinatra withdrew it in horror, when J.F. Kennedy was indeed assassinated a short time after the film's release, by a man who claimed he was not operating as a lone agent.

Condon, however, thinks otherwise. "I remember that it got very good reviews, and played well in major cities. When it opened in Paris it was picketed by the Communists for being anti-Communist, and when it opened in Orange County, it was picketed by the American Legion for being commie propaganda. This pleased me enormously because the spine which runs down that film is that it is totally controversial.

"The problem was that United Artists was in a terrible state. The staff kept changing and their book-keeping was peculiar. I think Sinatra, who was justly proud of his performance, just wanted to keep the film until its hour came round again."

Prizzi's Glory is dedicated to John Huston, a man who clearly occupies a much loved space in Condon's memory. "I never knew another such man, who could listen with interest to almost anything anyone wanted to tell him. It wasn't just charm, it was a real curiosity about the world. He was the last of the *grand seigneurs*."

Would he perhaps have found Condon's contention, that the Government has in effect been taken over by the Mafia, a little over-the-top?

"In the great Teapot Dome scandal during the Harding administration, eight people were finally indicted. During the Nixon business, some 35 people finally came to court. After the Ulysses S. Grant scandal there were a few, about the same number I think. After the recent Meese business, 116 Reagan nominees have been charged, convicted and left the government.

"*Common Cause* magazine recently pointed that 13,035 people have been indicted and discharged for malfeasance. You have to go back to Roman times for something on this scale." Condon looks at me with his best John Huston face and says in a very fair imitation of the old *Chinatown* growl: "Kid, it has already happened."

● Prizzi's Glory *is published by Michael Joseph at £11.95.*

Australian Youth Orchestra/ Mackerras
Albert Hall/Radio 3

This was altogether a disappointing occasion. One is used to youth orchestras compensating for maybe a touch of technical rawness with bounding enthusiasm, and the prospect of the pick of young musicians from the "youngest" continent, surely to be fired with bicentenary confidence, was tantalizing. But what we heard was a dull band who seemed to have no interest in what they were playing, who seemed to have no belief that it could possibly be interesting.

In the case of the Ross Edwards Piano Concerto this was entirely understandable (more of that anon), but it was very odd to find the wind soloists so apparently bored by what Janácek wrote for them in *Taras Bulba* or Berlioz in the *Symphonie fantastique*.

In both these works there was a deadening flatness of rhythm. The pauses in the middle movement of the Berlioz, for instance, were completely empty, phrases just coming to an end with no prospect of continuation. Only the percussionists in the Janácek felt the need to exceed the call of mere duty: not to very comfortable effect.

But the Ross Edwards Piano Concerto . . . twenty years ago or so the man was a quiet and likeable student: a smiling, accepting presence to be found at concerts of contemporary music. There was no warning then that he could conceive a work so empty of intelligence, so lacking in self-questioning, so utterly bland. It was the sort of piece that gives minimalism a bad name — indeed that gives A major a bad name, doodling through concords and dance rhythms, with long, spaced-out repetitions of faintly Japanese modal figures in the slow movement.

I simply cannot imagine why anyone would want to compose such a piece, or how anyone could then be persuaded to programme it. Only the BBC, of all the Australian Youth Orchestra's hosts during their European tour, have done so.

One was left with full sympathy for Leslie Howard, who worked nimbly and resonantly at the keyboard. Even the orchestra did not deserve this.

Paul Griffiths

Fresh from her triumphant reunion with her former company, the Kirov, Natalia Makarova appeared this weekend in Festival Ballet's final programmes at the Festival Hall, this time dancing an item from her 20th-century repertory.

In the mirror duet from Cranko's *Onegin*, Makarova, heroically partnered by Peter Breuer, received a well deserved ovation. Cranko's acrobatic choreography suits her tiny, supple body to perfection and she imbues every turn, every lift, with a young girl's passionate ardour.

In the revival of Glen Tetley's *Sphinx*, danced by a largely new cast, Susan Hogard is not entirely at ease with Tetley's sinuous swoonings and grapplings, nor at her tender age can she be expected to smoulder with repressed sexuality, but her dancing is always a pleasure. Paul Chalmer made a noble Oedipus, but Alessandro Molin, the most experienced member of the cast, dominated the ballet as Anubis.

Hogard also appeared in Balanchine's *Apollo*, an eager young Terpsichore to Peter Schaufuss's Apollo. It is a clean, honest production danced with energy and conviction by all. It also gains from having a trio of really young, talented, muses: Trinidad Sevillano as Calliope was exquisite.

Festival Ballet pays more than just lip service to the Balanchine repertory. Having acquired his *Symphony in C*, the company has shown it in each of its London seasons, though the Festival Hall's shelf-like stage is far from ideal, and at times seemed too much like Hyde Park Corner at rush hour.

That said, they danced with vigour and accuracy and I particularly liked Lynne Charles and Patrick Armand leading the first movement, Christine Camillo in the third, and Andrea Hall with Paul Chalmer in the second. The London audience loved it as, I am sure, would audiences out of town.

Judith Cruickshank

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RADIO

Confusion of Christians

Apart from those who have never heard of Brian Redhead, the land is divided into his admirers and those who cannot stand the sound of him. I am a steady though not committed adherent of the first party and on the whole **The Christian Centuries** (Radio 4, Sundays, repeating Tuesdays; producer, Frances Gumley) has strengthened my adherence.

This 12-part series is not, as its title might suggest, an encyclopaedic history of Christianity, but a dozen short biographies of major Christian figures, each woven into the events of his or her century from the fourth to the 14th. We are promised a wild confusion of characters; as one of those to come is the Vladimir who brought Christianity to Russia, more by force than persuasion and because he was seduced by the splendours of Byzantium, the promise is likely to be kept.

Redhead sounds as much at home among his assorted historians, churchmen and theologians as with any job lot of contributors to *Today*. And since to a man and a woman their voices epitomize the academic, his own relatively breezy yet knowledgeable narration is a good corrective.

But I sometimes suspect him of going over the top. Is it pushing a **false parallel to describe Arius** — originator of the Arian heresy — as "a tall, round-shouldered, Docklands parish priest"? I found him described elsewhere as "subtle-witted and marvellous fair-spoken" but prone to envy and contradiction, which in my view tells you more about the man.

Radio Fun (Radio 4, Fridays, repeating Mondays; producer, Neil Cargill) sounded like a good idea before I heard it. Here is Russell Davies, another broadcaster with an ear for a good phrase and an active sense of irony, tracing the history of comedy on radio from the first days of the Variety Department back in 1932. Surprisingly, Davies sounds subdued — not at all the energetic performer of *When Housewives Had The Choice* or of those American music programmes made with David Perry. Has a change of producer scuppered him? It's more likely that he is as depressed as I am by his material. Tastes change, we all know, but on the evidence of the first two programmes, pre-war comedy was dire.

What a stir *The Hostage* made back in the 1960s. On Friday Radio 3 presented Brendan Behan's original, **An Giall** (director, Jeremy Howe) in a translation from the Irish by Lorcan O'Treasaigh that spoke pretty well. But time has overtaken and emasculated a play that was set in 1958. Behan's IRA men are Officials, puritanical fellows with a touch of the schoolmaster to them, amateurs by present standards of guerrilla warfare. No young soldier kidnapped nowadays would need to be told by the radio that his life was in danger.

There's a warm and comforting few minutes to be spent on Wednesday afternoons with **Rich Pickings** (Radio 4; producer, Julia Parker) which is a series about the riches of gardens: prose and poems inspired by orchards, kitchen gardens, fruit cages. Hannah Gordon and Richard Pasco are the readers and beautifully they do it.

David Wade

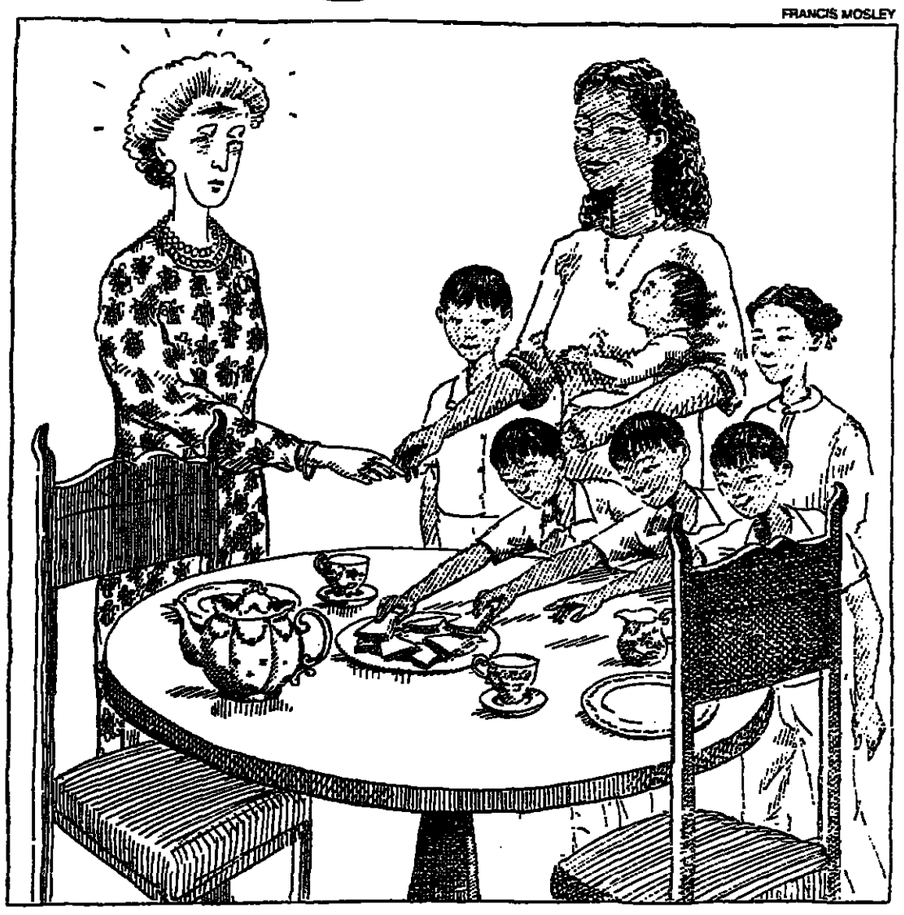
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Home thoughts for abroad

David Reddaway's delicate mission in Tehran highlights the demands placed on expatriates – and their partners. Sally Brompton visits a centre where couples can learn about the business of behaving impeccably while abroad

FRANCIS MOSLEY



As the British diplomat David Reddaway continues his discussions in Iran, his Persian wife, Roshan, prepares for their permanent posting in Delhi next month. A seasoned diplomat's wife, Roshan Reddaway is unlikely to have problems adapting to her new lifestyle. Others, less experienced, do.

They may get help from the Foreign Office in the form of day-long in-house briefings with their husbands, as well as receiving advice from their predecessors. Occasionally, in cases where a diplomat is breaking into new territory, the Foreign Office may send him and his wife to the Centre for International Briefing.

In the 12th-century setting of Farnham Castle in Surrey – former residence of the Bishops of Guildford – the Centre has had 35 years of experience in preparing men and women for the customs and cultures they will encounter working overseas. And that means preparing their partners, too.

"It's absolutely essential for wives to come because if they or their children are unhappy it puts a terrific strain on the chap, who is already having to adjust to a new work situation," says the Centre's marketing manager, Claire Stewart. "It has been estimated that 60 per cent of families overseas who return before the end of their contract do so for domestic reasons."

Of the thousands of couples who have passed through the Centre's lofty portals she can recall only two or three cases of husbands accompanying wives, instead of the other way around. "The women who come are usually young and unmarried. Very few married women get sent abroad – their husbands won't go along."

When I spent a day at the Centre recently, there were 13 wives attending the four-day residential course on Asia with their husbands, as well as Janine van Twist with her boyfriend, and Kairen Harris, the only unaccompanied woman being posted overseas in her own right.

Kairen Harris was worried about being overly assertive, and whether she would be able to hang her bathroom curtains in Brunei. Janine van Twist was anxious not to be "the stereotype of the girlfriend who is going with her boyfriend", on his 18-month Taiwan posting.

Ann Morrison, who was to accompany her husband on a two-year posting to Sri Lanka, was concerned about the number of servants she might have to employ. Dorothy Bellhouse, preparing for four years in Hong Kong with her husband, was filled with doubts about how she would spend her days and feared that she would miss her family and the English summer evenings.

Kairen, a 29-year-old personnel planner with Shell, will be spending the next four years in Brunei. "Lots of people think it's terribly brave to be going on my own but on the whole I don't think that's a problem," says Kairen, a bank manager's daughter from Chester. She was more concerned about whether, as a single woman in a family-based community, she would find herself isolated.

Still working full-time in her current job and without the benefit of "someone at home running around doing things for me", she had not yet had time to contemplate her imminent departure. "This is a great opportunity to have a whole week to think about what is going to happen," she admitted, on her way into a lecture entitled "Islam: A Way of Life".

The lectures, tailored to suit the participants' needs – and delivered by appropriately experienced academics, industrialists, businessmen and diplomats – cover topics ranging from food, health and hygiene in a warm climate, to financial advice for expatriates, taking in the local cuisine and coping with the stresses of living abroad.

"Going to live in someone else's country is not just a matter of taking your home and putting it down," explains the Centre's genial director, Richard Hobbs, a former Shell executive. "You have got to make adjustments. If people are properly briefed they can get their work done more effectively."

Wives, according to Hobbs, should be aware of the potential for disaster. "If they make a mistake in somewhere sensitive like Brunei, such as being sharp with a taxi driver or rude to someone in a shop, they and their husbands will be out in 24 hours. In Africa, your gardener's wife can be related to the minister of the interior. Living abroad isn't easy for the non-working partner."

That was certainly the view of Dutch-born secretary Janine van Twist, aged 28, who was still debating whether to accompany her boyfriend of two years, Charles Limonard, 27, a test engineer manager with Philips. "Taiwan is not my particularly favourite place and the job I have at the moment is the first job I've ever liked," admitted Janine. "If I can't get a job there I won't go."

In common with the rest of the 200 multinational companies, government departments and academic institutions who regularly send employees to the Centre, a registered charity and educational trust, Philips were paying Janine's and Charles's fees of £695 per head, including accommodation and meals.

Unlike most companies who send couples overseas only if they are married, Philips were allowing Janine "the same rights as a wife without getting married". Even so, she envisages the situation "putting a severe strain on our relationship. Once I get depressed it can be very bad and it will be more of a strain on him than me."

Ann Morrison, on the other hand, had married her zoologist boyfriend, Donald, 30, three weeks earlier so that she could accompany him to Sri Lanka. A farms health manager with Unilever, Donald would will be specializing in the health problems of prawns. As far as 25-year-old Ann was concerned, the best part of the course was meeting people who had actually lived in Sri Lanka.

'If you invite someone to your home, don't be surprised if they turn up with their children'

"We've discovered that we'll probably have to have servants, which sounds a bit like a soap opera because you end up with all their families' problems. You offer them security as well as a job." Some people have four or five servants. She is not looking forward to becoming an employer "but everybody says it's giving work to somebody who needs it, which is a valid point."

In one of the Castle's airy conference rooms, another former Shell executive, Bruce Randoll, was sharing his memories of Brunei with the six Shell employees and their wives who were being posted there.

"It pays to establish a relationship which is cordial, friendly, but not bombastic," he told his audience. "Remember that the Bruneians tend to say what they think you want to hear, so they may say 'yes' when they mean 'no' . . . You can lose face very quickly by losing your temper . . . and they can appear to be very very personal but they're not being nosy, just genuinely interested . . . If you invite someone to your home, don't be surprised if they turn up with their children."

Claire Stewart believes that the course gives participants a three-month start when it comes to feeling at home in another country. "The whole idea of what we are doing here is to demystify the experience of living overseas. We explain to them things like why Islam is so important in eastern culture, and never to talk loudly or gesticulate in Japan."

Frequently, participants use the course as an escape valve to talk through their anxieties. "If we get a couple who keep asking the same question over and over again we know straight away that it hides a bigger issue," says Claire. She recalls one wife who kept asking whether it was possible to buy Robertson's marmalade in Brazil. "She wasn't worried about that at all but about the security blanket she was leaving behind."

That was certainly one of the concerns of Dorothy Bellhouse, 56, who was not over-enthusiastic about going to Hong Kong with her husband, Eric, 58, a technical promotion manager with a major chemical company. "You wonder how you'll cope with the language, you wonder what you'll do all day long. At the moment I go to history and flower arranging classes so I will probably do the same there."

Kairen Harris was looking forward to the challenge and adventure of life in a different culture. But the course, she felt, was giving her a "much better fundamental feeling for the people of Brunei. The single thing that is going to give me the most difficulty is not behaving in an over-assertive manner. It's getting the things you want done without doing it in a manner that is going to offend."

Francesca Greenoak on a survey which undermines the image of the British as a nation of gardeners



Exterior design: garden centres of the future will tailor production to their customers' needs

Everything's lovely in the garden centre

According to Charles Fenwick, managing director of a chain of garden centres and nurseries, "People love gardens – but that does not mean they enjoy gardening."

His view is backed up by a recent survey which rocked the self-image of the English as garden lovers. The Mintel gardening survey, published last week, declared us a nation of recidivists: 43 per cent of garden owners regarded gardening as a chore or disliked doing it.

How, then, are we to explain garden centres regularly packed with aspiring exterior designers? Or are there other facts behind these apparently incontrovertible figures? If, as the survey suggests, there is greatest disaffection amongst the young, should we be anxious about a shortfall in future gardeners?

Probably not. A head count among my gardening friends revealed none of us to have been youthful enthusiasts. So to observe the wider world, I visited the large Bypass Garden Centre at Capel-St-Mary near Ipswich, where the first customers I met were a young couple with two small children.

Linda and Vivian Fox "became interested in gardening when we got our first house". This is a family affair: a sister-in-law made the landscape plans, Linda's father divides plants and raises cuttings for them, and they grow seeds and buy plants now and again.

Dennis and Sheila Carpenter were obviously seasoned hands, examining shrubs with the practised confidence of experts. "We've always gardened and we've got even more interested as we've got older."

John Sales, garden adviser to the National Trust, remains convinced of the English passion for gardens and suggested we should have been rejoicing at pro-gardening figures as high as 55 per cent.

But he is prepared to admit that our passion may be largely passive. "Garden visiting is the great national pastime," he observed, citing an estimated seven to eight million garden visits in a year.

Charles Fenwick, whose Bypass centres and nurseries include the fashionable Chelsea Gardener, is emphatically unsurprised by the reluctant gardeners. "Spot on!" was his comment on the survey. "Most garden centres are a disaster – we must be exterior decorators, increasing staff and skills."

He said that a fairly conventional centre attracted 150,000 annually, with low average spending (about £5), whereas the new style Chelsea Garden Service could point to an average four times greater.

At the garden centre at London's Alexandra Palace, Adam Caplin, its director, summed it up: "You can enjoy food without wanting to cook." Can the analogy be extended? Should we see throw-away pot plants as junk food equivalents, container-grown plants as takeaways? The surge in garden publishing seems to parallel that of cookery books.

Gillian Hawkins, sales manager of Weidenfeld and Nicolson, reports "a boom in glossy non-practical gardening books". Alison Cathie, managing director of publishers Conran Octopus and very much the doyenne of "exterior design" declares: "I'd never publish a general gardening encyclopaedia." Her stable is inspirational and stylish but with a strong practical element.

Precise tailoring to gardening needs is the pattern for the future. George Davies, the Next supremo, is planning a gardening arm to his empire. When the third Next Directory makes its appearance next year, it will include plants and gardening equipment.

Adam Caplin, meanwhile, stresses the importance of the personal touch and says that his staff take on the role of consultants to customers, only advising on plants or design after discussions of their personal tastes, aspirations, and practical considerations.

Low spending does not necessarily signify horticultural poverty, for gardening is a generous and convivial habit. I have seen wonderful gardens furnished at minimal expense, with an array of plants grown from seeds, cuttings and gifts from friends' gardens. The better you get at it, the less you spend.

Single parents to blame

TALKBACK

From C.J.F. Pavery, Cloud Rift, The Avenue, Camberley, Surrey

I am surprised that Heather Kirby should believe that "in the two world wars many mothers were widowed without their lone parenthood being singled out as a major cause of society's ills" ('Single handed', August 5). Was not juvenile delinquency in the late 1950s regularly attributed by sociologists to the disadvantages allegedly suffered by children brought up in fatherless families during the Second World War?

From J.H. Nutt, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford

I read the article by Liz Gill about doctors advertising ('Small ads, big gain', July 21) with a mixture of amusement and despair.

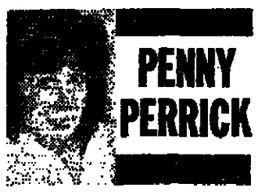
The fact of the matter is that advertising is expensive and somebody has to pay for it. That person is always the ultimate consumer. The very essence of a profession is that the interests of the patient or client are above those of the professional himself. As soon as you allow advertising you introduce a profit or, dare I say it, greed factor. That quite obviously dilutes the professionalism and ultimately acts against the interests of the patient or client.

From Mike Morrall, Sutton Street, Howley, Warrington, Cheshire.

I feel compelled to comment upon the latest, ill advised and ill informed (if wittily worded) column from your virago-in-residence, Ms Penny Perrick.

If indeed little or nothing is known of the Phanton of Somerton Library ('An urge to improve', August 8), why does Ms Perrick attribute male gender to this book wrecker? Casual or rather, sloppy work like this can set back the cause of feminism by about 10 years.

Phew! The artificial whiff business



PENNY PERRICK

The Ancient Order of Hibernians in Washington plans to import turf sods from Ireland to provide a bit of atmosphere. Mr Hannon, who organizes the Order, has noticed that quite a few Americans buy thick logs at $2 a time to put in their equally fake fireplaces and his idea is "to get the nice smelling turf from home, and wrap it up in white paper with Kelly Green shamrocks all over it". In short, he is going to turn peat, a perfectly good form of working fuel, into a product.

I don't hold with this. It reminds me of books which have had their pages scooped out so that jewels can be kept in the cavity. Or walnut cocktail cabinets which instead of housing whisky bottles hide a television set. Or video cassettes given a library look with leatherene covering. It seems an awful waste of time to stick shamrocks all over a lump of turf just to let it smoulder in an overheated Washington apartment. If you are really keen on exporting instant nostalgia, you could get a chemistry boffin to produce an artificial turf smell which you could bottle as an essence and sell with a little asbestos ring that fits over a light bulb.

It is very much the "Unreal Thing" but sometimes it comes in handy. If you can't afford to fill the house with vasefuls of jasmine you can buy something from Floris that smells quite flowery, although when *I* do I feel a second or two of regret as I enter my scented flat and instead of seeing blossom everywhere notice a gently steaming lampshade with perfumed smoke rising to the ceiling as if a new Pope had just been chosen.

It is astonishing how many artificial smells have been created for every room in the house – sea breezes locked into a plastic ball for the bathroom, lavender added to an aerosol furniture polish – except for the kitchen. I might feel better about eating my odour-free boil-in-the-bag Lean Cuisine if I could spray something in the vicinity of the saucepan which smelt strongly of sausages, very buttery mashed potatoes and flour thickened gravy.

It is possible that the artificial whiff business is still in its infancy. Perhaps some day, someone will produce a perfume called "Pub" which has overtones of stale beer and ashtrays and undertones of wet mackintoshes. You would then be able to keep alcoholics under lock and key serving them nothing stronger than a tomato juice while they savoured the aroma they love best. And cows would be able to hang on to their hide if you could coat plastic car seats with something that gave you the sense of being transported in a leather upholstered limo.

It is confusing when things aren't quite what they seem. A friend of mine went on safari in a safari suit made by Yves Saint Laurent, who should have called it a safari *style* suit as style is what it had instead of stamina. It was clearly designed for feeding buns to the elephants at the London Zoo and should certainly have stayed out of Africa.

I crave the "Real Thing" most when I visit friends in private hospitals got up to look like posh hotels. The beige carpets cling to the sides of the *en suite* bath, the lighting flatters a post-operative complexion and the nurses are so daintily pretty that they look as if they could manage nothing more medical than tying a satin bow on a bedjacket. I cannot believe that anyone can ever be made well in so much luxury and feel as if I am bidding my last goodbyes even if I am bringing grapes to a man with a very small, uncomplicated hernia. To provide a more serious ambience, they should spray the expensively papered walls with a product called "Emergency Ward Ten", a reassuring mixture of lino, cabbage and bedpans.

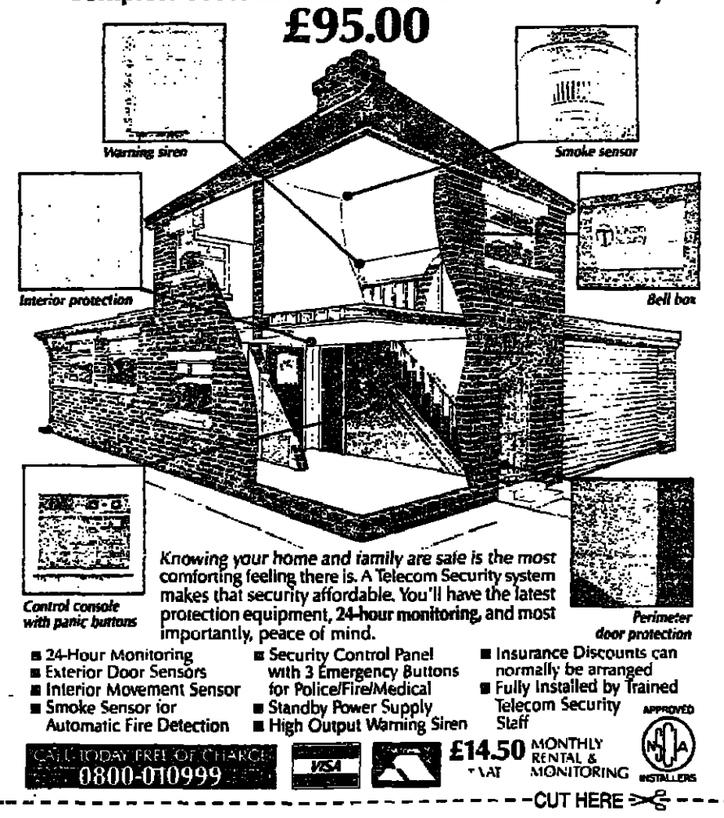
It is perhaps as well that some things will never be able to be marketed. You can buy a dozen shampoos and not one of them will smell like a child's newly washed hair. And you can light up a shamrock-embellished lump of turf and it still won't make Washington reek powerfully of the wet and wind of the west of Ireland.

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FILMS

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■ **COMING TO AMERICA (15):** Eddie Murphy as a pampered foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride (116 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.10.
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Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.35, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.05, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.45, 3.05, 5.35, 8.15.
Plaza 1 (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 10.45.
Plaza 2 (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE II (PG):** Disappointingly flat sequel to the runaway Aussie hit, with Paul Hogan (112 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 5.50, 8.30.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 3.00, 5.45, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.45, 5.45, 8.30.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.30, 9.15.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30.

THE COUCH TRIP (15): Dan Aykroyd plays an anarchic prisoner who escapes, impersonates a psychiatrist, takes over a radio phone-in show and becomes a media celebrity (98 min).
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.10, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5906). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 6.00, 8.15.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 6.00, 8.40., late fri 11.35.

HAIRSPRAY (PG): Nutty comedy from director John Waters, poking fun at the social habits of Baltimore teenagers in 1962 (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 3.35, 5.35, 7.35, 9.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.15, 8.45.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.

THE JUNGLE BOOK (U): Revival of the joyous Disney cartoon based on Kipling's stories (78 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0130). Progs 1.20, 3.45, 6.10, 8.35.
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-622 6644). Progs 12.25, 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.45.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723-2011). Progs 11.15am, 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.45.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 11.45am, 1.35, 3.30, 5.20, 7.15, 9.10.

■ **POLICE ACADEMY V (PG):** More looney antics from the US police squad (90 min)
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.25, 8.40.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791) 2.25, 4.30, 8.40.

SHAG (15): Frivolous film, named after an American dance craze; with Bridget Fonda, Phoebe Cates and Page Hannah (100 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Prog 1.35.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.30.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.

TRACK 29: Prickly psychological drama from director Nicolas Roeg and writer Dennis Potter, about a bored American housewife (Theresa Russell) whose life is overturned by a stranger claiming to be her long-lost son (Gary Oldman). (91 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691) Progs 2.40, 4.45, 6.50, 9.00.

WINGS OF DESIRE (15): Wim Wenders' epic tale of two angels watching over the citizens of Berlin (127 min).
☎ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 6.00, 8.45.

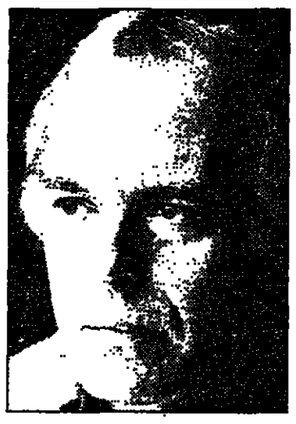
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☆ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON:** J.M. Barrie's other desert island play, with Rex Harrison as the futile earl and Edward Fox as his perfect butler.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed, Sat 3-5.50pm, £6-£11.

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kiki Dee as their mother.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£16.50.

☆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the relationship between an elderly Jewess and her black chauffeur. Fragile material but fine acting.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £5-£14.



John Shrapnel plays the doomed Theban king in Seneca's *Oedipus*, previewing at the Almeida Theatre from tonight. Seneca was the equivalent of poet laureate at Nero's court and his Latin version of the tragedy, originally intended for private performance, has been translated by our own laureate, Ted Hughes. Unlike Peter Brook's lavish display at the National 20 years ago, Donald Sumpter's production uses the smallest possible company, just the four principals and no separate chorus.

☆ **THE FANCY MAN:** A new Mike Stott play of now a young man's love of cricket and pigeons, and his new bride's own preferences for love, bring turmoil to a Northern village.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Previews until Tues, 8-10.20pm. Opens Wed, 7-9.20pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-10.20pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.50pm. Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Mat Sat £6.50, Sat £7.50.

☆ **GREEK:** Steven Berkoff's savage version of *Oedipus*, set in East London.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mats Sat 5-7.15pm, £5.50-£13.50.

☆ **OEDIPUS:** See caption.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Previews tonight, tomorrow and Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Aug 18, 7pm. Then in repertoire with *Hello and Goodbye* and *Keeping Tom Nice*. £6.50-£8.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Strand Theatre (01-836 2660)... ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **The Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: ☆ **Ring Around the Moon:** Anouilh's bitter-sweet comedy of love and money. Starry cast includes Jose Ferrer in his British stage debut. **Festival Theatre**, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm. Thurs mat 2.30pm. £5-£12.50.

CHICHESTER: ☆ **Translations:** Excellent Brian Friel play about British troops re-mapping rural Ireland in the 19th Century.
Festival Theatre Tent, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Tomorrow until Aug 20 and 22.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **ABIDE WITH HIM:** John Hatton's organ recital includes Parry's Chorale Prelude on *Abide With Me*, Stanford's Intermezzo on an Old Irish Air, Parry's G major Fantasia and Fugue, Stanford's Sonata Celtica, and *Pageantry* by Campbell.
St Michael's, Cornhill, London EC3 1-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **IMPALING MUSIC:** *Chevaux de frise* is the military name for sharp-ended wooden stakes driven into trenches and upon which enemy troops are invited to impale themselves. It is also the name of a new piece by Gerald Barry commissioned by the BBC and given its world premiere by the Ulster Orchestra under Yan Pascal Tortelier. The composer says it is full of manic hymns and lots of canons (not cannons).
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-379 4444), 7.30pm, £3-£10.

☆ **SOUDANT SOUNDS:** Hubert Soudant conducts the Orchestra Giovanile Italiana in Brahms's Symphony No 1, Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante K 364 and various items by Busotti.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 228 1155, cc 031 228 5756), 8pm, £3.50-£10.

OPERA

★ **RAVEL DOUBLE-BILL:** *L'Enfant et les Sortilèges* and *L'Heure espagnole* in Glyndebourne's highly-acclaimed Sendak-designed productions, now conducted by Graeme Jenkins.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), 6.20-9.45pm, returns only.

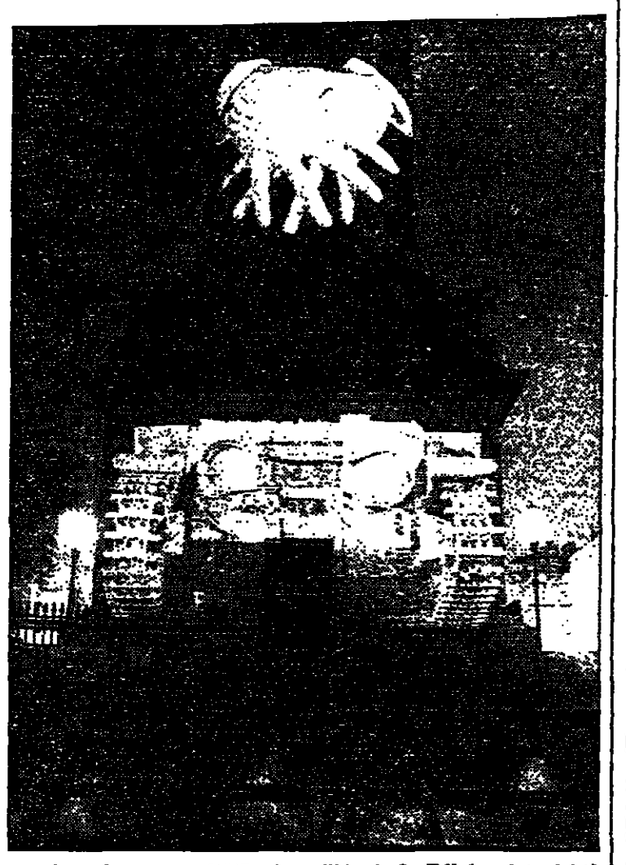
Spotlight on the festival

Krzysztof Wodiczko, a Polish-born artist now living in New York, has taken contemporary art outside the gallery by projecting images on to public buildings and monuments. At 10.30pm each night until Saturday, starting today, he will be firing pictures on to the neo-classical monument of Calton Hill at the east end of Princes Street in Edinburgh.

Though frequently ambiguous in meaning, his provocative images are intended to stimulate debate on the nature of power and official ideologies. In the last 10 years Wodiczko has worked as far afield as Venice, Sydney and New York, where he shone towering Russian and American missiles on to a triumphal arch in Brooklyn's Grand Army Plaza.

In 1985, while working in London, he focused on the Duke of York's column (right) near the Mall. The "Grand Old" Duke (1763-1827), brother of George IV, enjoyed a patchy career as commander of the army, including a period of temporary suspension from duty when under suspicion of accepting bribes from officers seeking promotion. Wodiczko spotlit the statue of the Duke and projected an image of a tank across the column base and, on to the shaft, a pair of hands crossed in a gesture of self-protection or cover-up. For information about Wodiczko's activities this week, contact Fruitmarket Gallery, 28 Market Street, Edinburgh (031-2252383), Monday to Saturday 10am to 5.30pm, Sunday 1.30 to 5.30pm.

David Lee



Wodiczko in London, 1985: what will he do for Edinburgh tonight?

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending August 7:

BBC 1		BBC 2	
1	EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 15.05m	1	Paul Daniels Magic Show 6.45m
2	EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 14.85m	2	M.A.S.H. 5.50m
3	Neighbours (Tues 13:30/17:37) 14.40m	3	The Travel Show 5.35m
4	Neighbours (Wed 13:30/17:36) 14m	4	The Fly 4.90m
4	Neighbours (Mon 13:31/17:36) 14m	5	Police Powers 3.70m
6	Neighbours (Thurs 13:30/17:36) 13.80m	6	Armada (Wed) 3.65m
7	Neighbours (Fri 13:30/17:36) 13m	7	Flying Tigers 3.45m
8	Bread 12.20m	8	Armada (Thurs) 3.25m
9	News and Weather (Sun) 8.85m	9	The Yellow River 3.20m
10	Murder in Coweta County 8.80m	10	Eskimos Do It 3m
ITV		**Channel 4**	
1	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 13.05m	1	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5m
2	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 12.40m	2	Brookside (Wed/Sat) 4.65m
3	Private Benjamin ITV 10.65m	3	The Parade 3.70m
4	News at Ten (Mon) ITN 10.55m	4	Athletics (Sun) 3.15m
5	The Bill (Tues/Fri) Thames 10.20m	5	The Incredibly Strange Film Show 3m
6	The Bill (Thurs/Fri) Thames 9.90m	6	The Golden Girls 2.65m
7	Emmerdale Farm (Thurs) Yorkshire 9.30m	7	Countdown (Tues) 2.50m
8	Emmerdale Farm (Wed) Yorkshire 9.10m	8	St Elsewhere 2.40m
9	Wheel of Fortune STV 9.05m	9	Countdown (Mon) 2.35m
10	The Eiger Sanction ITV 8.80m	9	Countdown (Wed) 2.35m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1.2m (7.9m) **TV-am:** *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.1m (11.3m)

Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

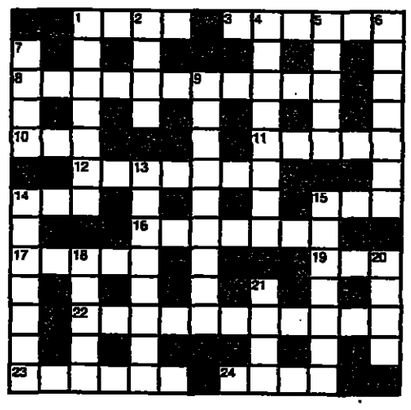
CRENULATED
(b) Finely notched or scalloped, said e.g. of a shell or a leaf, marked by many small rounded indentations; distinguished from *crenated* marked by larger toothmarks; from the late Latin *crena* a notch; *Lolita*: "And those puerile hips on which I had kissed the crenulated imprint left by the band of her shorts."

PINCHEM
(b) The blue European titmouse, echoic and onomatopoeic from the bird's note: "*Pinchem* a tom-tit, whose note resembles this name."

XIPHOID
(a) Shaped like a sword, alias ensiform, from the Greek *xiphos* a sword + *eidos* a shape: "In frogs and toads we have a middle and xiphoid sternum."

CUSTUMAL
(c) Pertaining to the customs of a city, etc., from the medieval Latin *custumalis*: "I find in the records no note of deviation from the usual custom, and as the custumal officer of the Corporation I should feel bound to advise against it."

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1642



ACROSS
1 Cereal dish (4)
3 Local rule (3,3)
8 Hanover state (5,6)
10 Expected (3)
11 Improvise (2,3)
12 Choose to refrain (7)
14 Gadus fish (3)
15 Early Provence capital (3)
16 Happy, carefree (7)
17 Portuguese Chinese province (5)
19 Tent rope (3)
22 Balloon pioneer (11)
23 Overcharge (6)
24 Boast (4)

DOWN
1 Arctic whale (7)
2 Telegraph (4)
4 Volunteer cavalry (8)
5 Faithful (5)
6 Sewing basket (7)
7 Ran off (4)
9 Awful (9)
13 Large sherry glass (8)
14 Show MC (7)
15 Fishing (7)
18 Halley's body (5)
20 Time long past (4)
21 Aspersion (4)

ENTERTAINMENTS

EVENTS

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OPERA & BALLET

BUSINESS DESIGN CENTRE Upper St N1 Near Sadlers Wells Theatre 836 1226/836 3464 Aug 9-20 Eve 7.45 Mats 2.30 **MOSCOW CLASSICAL BALLET SWAN LAKE/2 BALLET SPECTACULARS**

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THEATRES

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Edgar Kennedy in *Duck Soup* (b/w). **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Kirsty Wark and Pamela Armstrong. *Includes national and international news at* **7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55 and 8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57 and 8.27.**
8.35 Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (b/w). Episode two of the 15-part vintage adventure serial. **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather **9.05 But First This** introduced by Andy Crane, beginning with **The Pink Panther Show.** Three cartoons (r). **9.25 Why Don't You . . ?** Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters (r). **9.50** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon
10.00 News and weather followed by **The Littlest Hobo** (r). **10.30 Play School** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven** with pupils from Arts Educational Schools, Chiswick
11.00 News and weather followed by **The Fighting Devil Dogs** (b/w). *Episode one of* 12-part cliffhanger adventure serial **11.30 The Flintstones** (r).
12.00 News and weather followed by **The Garden Party.** The guests include Simon Winchester who talks about the Republic of Korea, the Olympics host nation, and Glynn Christian who welcomes Charles Price of Gleddoch House **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with *Michael Buerk. Weather* **1.30 Neighbour.** Madge receives an exciting surprise from Harold.
1.50 AD — Anno Domini. The first of five daily episodes of a drama about the birth of Christianity and the downfall of the Roman Empire. Starring James Mason, Ian McShane, Denis Quilley, Ava Gardner and Anthony Andrews (r). (Ceefax)
4.10 Heathcliff and Co (r). **4.35 Galloping Galaxies** (r).
5.00 Newsround 5.05 Treasure Houses. Mark Curry examines Crown Jewels from around the world (r). **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. Among tonight's guests are French mime artist Marcel Marceau, opera singer Barbara Segal and television cooks Hudson and Halls.
7.35 Trackside Story. Under the watchful eye of Tessa Sanderson, a hockey player, squash player, oarsman, swimmer, water skier and a judo champion chance their arm at throwing the javelin. (Ceefax)
8.00 Terry and June. June has a dream about princesses, knights and dragons (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 Ever Decreasing Circles. Martin leaps to the assistance of Howard and Hilda when they are denied access to a public path (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather
9.30 Byline: Trying to Make It Home. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.15 Miami Vice. An old war buddy of Crockett's is threatened by a group of American *mercenaries lead by William* Maynard. Starring Don Johnson, Philip Michael Thomas and convicted Watergate "plumber" G. Gordon Liddy. (Ceefax)
11.00 The Golden Oldie Picture Show (r).
11.30 Film: Atlantic City (1981) starring Burt Lancaster as an ageing small-time criminal who meets a young hoodlum with stolen cocaine. They decide to become drug dealing partners. Directed by Louis Malle
1.05am Goodbye, Mr President. Live coverage of President Reagan's final address to the Republican Party Convention. Ends at **4.00.**

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Maths: Complex Numbers. Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax**
12.30 Open University Showcase: Tippet and Sondheim **12.55** Going Round in Circles **1.20 Pinny's House** (r). **1.25 Bric-a-Brac** (r). **1.35 Ceefax.**
2.00 News and weather followed by *Songs of Praise from Minehead* (r). (Ceefax) **2.35 Exploring Photography.** Part five — urban landscapes (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by **One Man and His Dog.** The first semifinal — Jack Burke of Wales meets England's John Thomas (r). **3.50 News,** regional news and weather
4.00 Dr Kildare. Episode three of the seven-part medical drama serial (r). **4.25 Oddie in Paradise.** *The second of three programmes* featuring Bill Oddie bird-watching in Papua New Guinea (r).
4.50 Film: Charlie Chan in Egypt (1935, b/w) starring Warner Oland as the oriental sleuth this afternoon investigating missing Ancient Egyptian artefacts. Directed by Louis King
6.00 Luther Vandross in Concert. Highlights of a concert by the singer/songwriter recorded at Wembley last year (r).
6.30 Rough Guide to Europe. Magenta De Vine and Sankha Guha explore Ljubljana in Yugoslavia, off the tourist-beaten track.
7.25 Top Crown. *The final of the* Pairs Crown Green Bowling Tournament. Peter Varney and Bob Gilfillan meet Ken Strutt and Tommy Heyes.
8.15 Wildlife Showcase: Leopard Tracks by the Dead Sea. The story of Israeli zoologist Giora Ilany's quest for leopards in the Judea region. (Ceefax)
9.00 Film: Picking Up the Pieces (1985) starring Margot Kidder, David Ackroyd and James *Farentino. A made-for-television* drama about the vindictive break-up of a marriage. Directed by Paul Wendkos. (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick **11.15 Weather 11.20** Interval
11.30 Open University: Holidays By the Sea. Ends at **12.00.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** presented by *Mike Morris and Richard Keys;* **8.50 Wacaday,** for the young, with Timmy Mallett
9.25 Thames news and weather.
9.30 What's My Line? The first of a new series of the odd occupations game presented by Angela Rippon. On today's panel are Jilly Cooper, Roy Hudd, Su Pollard and Ross Davidson.
10.00 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (r). **10.25 News** headlines **10.30 Bugs Bunny** (r). **10.35 Disney's The Wuzzles** (r). **11.00 Towser** (r). **11.10 Let's Pretend** to the tale of the *Sound Trap* (r). **11.25 Thames** news headlines
11.30 Baby & Co. Teaching young *children right from wrong* (r).
12.00 Survival: No Laughing Matter. A documentary on the spotted hyena **12.30 The Sullivans.**
1.00 News at One with John Suchet **1.20 Thames news** and weather
1.30 Film: The Little Mermaid (1978) starring Valentin Kikulin and Vicka Novikova. Russian version of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale. Directed by Vladimir Bychkov.
3.00 Vetwatch. The first of two *programmes following a day in the* life of a London veterinary surgeon **3.25 Thames news** and weather **3.30 The Young Doctors.**
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children **4.10 Rub A Dub Dub** (r). **4.20 Young Krypton.** Brawn and brain competition for the young. (Oracle)
4.45 Dramarama: The Bubblegum Brigade starring Bill Oddie. A comedy about an agency that tries to solve everybody's problems. (Oracle) **5.15 Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades game presented by Michael Parkinson (r).
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00 Thames news** and weather
6.30 Another Side of London: A Stitch in Time. A portrait of the Spitalfields area of London.
7.00 In Search of Wildlife. David *Shepherd travels to Oman to learn* about the small herd of oryx that was released in the central Omani desert after being reared in captivity at San Diego Wild Animal Park. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Gloria and Sandra put on their dancing shoes. (Oracle)
8.00 Home James! Comedy series (r).
8.30 Power in the Land. The crisis among dairy farmers in Dyfed, south-west Wales, where more than a 1000 have left the land in the past four years.
9.00 Film: Trading Places (1983) starring Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy, Ralph Bellamy, Don *Ameche and Denholm Elliott.* A comedy about a wager between two wealthy brothers. One of them believes that he can find a poor illiterate to run their mighty business corporation, the other is adamant that it is impossible. Directed by John Landis. (continues after the news)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall **10.30 Thames news** and weather
10.35 Film: Trading Places continued
11.45 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet. Comedy series (r).
12.45am Sportsworld Extra. The semifinals of the men's singles in the US Hardcourt *Championships in Indianapolis*
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: Kung Fu II** (1986) starring David Carradine and Martin Landau. A feature-length sequel to the popular martial arts television series of adventures. Directed by Richard Lang
4.00 News headlines followed by **60 Minutes.** News, views and investigations from the United States.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for children (r).
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Damian Green
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. The guest is James Taylor
2.00 Film: Christmas Holiday (1944, *b/w) starring Deanna Durbin and* Gene Kelly. Drama about a young woman whose life is ruined by marrying a weakling who ends up in prison serving a life sentence for murder. Directed by Robert Siodmak.
3.40 Black Forest Clinic. Medical drama serial set in a German hospital.
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Catherine Nicholls from Cliffe, Kent.
5.00 The Munsters (b/w). *Vintage* American comedy series about a ghoulish family.
5.30 Held in Trust. Diana Rigg continues her tour of properties being preserved by the National Trust for Scotland, visiting some of those in the Aberdeen area (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Pieced Pictures. The first of three programmes on the art of quilting (r).
6.30 A Vote of No Confidence. The second of three programmes on the voting intentions of the young electorate. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen
7.50 Comment and Weather.
8.00 Brookside. Rod is called into work for a briefing on a big operation. (Oracle)
8.30 Film: Toughlove (1985) starring Lee Remick and Bruce Dern. A made-for-television drama about the controversial methods of the "Toughlove" organization that helps the parents of children with alcohol or drug abuse problems. Directed by Glenn Jordan
10.20 Go Fishing. *Angler John* Wilson fishes for grayling on the River Kennett in Berkshire. (Oracle)
10.50 The Eleventh Hour: Sunless (r). (see Choice)
12.45am Network 7 includes a feature on faiths and cults (r). Ends at **2.50.**

In search of an identity

TELEVISION CHOICE



Maya Angelou asks some first and second generation British immigrants this question: "Who are you?" (BBC1, 9.30pm)

● American writer Maya Angelou visits Britain in **Byline** (BBC1, 9.30pm) to try to establish how British blacks think of themselves, and finds that lingering traces of imperial racism have prevented them from attaining the sense of identity that many American blacks have achieved. Children are considered particularly vulnerable. If adults in authority act as though they have no value, then anti-social behaviour soon follows on the heels of this sense of worthlessness. As one youth says with wry bitterness the CV that others have ascribed to him is: drop-out at 15, drugs at 16, nefarious activities at 17 and in prison by 19.

● Anyone who ever belonged to a film society in the Sixties will remember Chris Marker's *La Jetée*, that science fiction story all about time and memory, composed entirely *from still photographs, in* which a man travelled in search of lost images. Marker's recent documentary *Sunless*, showing in the **Eleventh Hour** series (C4, 10.50pm), demonstrates that his obsessions have remained constant. It, too, is inspired by a lost image, one of happiness carried with him since 1965, *of three children walking* along a sunny, windswept country road in Iceland. In *Sunless*, Marker tries to find other pictures to link to this lingering memory, a search that takes in Japan, Africa and San Francisco. *Sunless*, for all its abstractions, is straightforward enough if viewed as the equivalent of a piece of first-rate travel writing. Indeed, Marker's visual material is not outside the scope of any assiduous tourist with a movie camera, though how it's put together is something else: part home movie, part epistle (the commentary is a series of letters), wholly individual and unusual. Marker's eye for what could be called everyday science-fiction reminds one of J.G. Ballard's ability to look beyond the familiar. Japan in particular catches the attention where Marker notes how the fundamental rift between men and women expresses itself in either violent slaughter or discreet melancholy. Such contrasts permit a boldness of style: dozing commuters intercut with what might be their dreams (scenes from Japanese horror films, in fact). Marker makes much of this dream-like state, always looking for the gap between reality and hallucination. Of Japanese television, the laconic remark is made: "The more you watch (it), the more it watches you."

Chris Petit

Come to the cabaret

RADIO CHOICE



Juliette Gréco: more a singer *than an actress* (R4, 11.30pm)

● Happily transferred from Radio 3, its original stable, **Continental Cabaret Chansons** is getting a second airing on Radio 4 every night this week (11.30pm) except Friday when it gives way to Edinburgh fringe highlights. Producer John Thornley has settled for a formula that has been tried, tested and never found wanting: cabaret songs grouped according to theme. Tonight, it's drinking and dancing. Tomorrow, musical games. And so on. Many of the performers are legendary, names like Yvette Guilbert (tonight she sings "Le fiacre", though you will scarcely recognise it as the same song that Jean Sablon made famous), Juliette Gréco (her rendering of the wistful "C'etait bien" shows she was a far better chanteuse than she was an actress) and the baritone Hermann Prey (with an incredible song called "A Masked Ball in the Mountains" which ends with seven deer dying of heart attacks and a mountain taking drastic action against some noisy revellers by burying them beneath an avalanche). A masked ball of a different kind provides the incomparable Comedy Harmonists with one of their biggest hits. The dancers are geese and, predictably enough, the song *ends with two amorous wad*dlers giving each other goose-pimples.

● Having written **Apart from George** (Radio 4, 8.15pm), a *cheerless play, Nick Ward was* just the man to direct it, too. Who better than he to judge when and how to use the sound of the bleak East wind that sweeps across the Fenlands setting? Who better to gauge the time it takes fully to express the loneliness of his characters in terms of the silent pause and the repeated thought? *Apart from George is* ostensibly about the isolation of a loutish labourer. It is, however, far more complex than that, and far more disturbing. Not recommended for depressives, or anyone wanting to keep the holiday spirit alive.

Peter Davalle

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **11.25-11.30** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** *Reporting Scotland* **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **12.00-12.30pm Children First** 1.20 **Anglia News and Weather** 1.30-3.30 **Film: First Men in the Moon** 6.00 **About Anglia** 6.30-7.00 **Anything Goes** 11.50-12.45am **V** 2.00 **Film: The Legacy** 4.00 **Take** 4.30-5.00 **Farming Diary.**

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** Border News **1.30** Home Cookery Club **1.35** Film: Three Cases of Murder **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Lookaround Monday **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **11.45** America's Top 10 **12.15am** Border Weather, Close.

CENTRAL As London except: **12.00** Gardening Time **12.30pm** Home Cookery Club **12.35-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Central News **1.30** Film: The Vengeance of She **3.20-3.25** Magic, Magic **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Central News **6.35-7.00** Heart of the Country **11.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H

GRAMPIAN As London except: **9.25am-9.30** First Thing **12.00-12.30pm** Children — Helping Hands **1.20** Grampian News **1.30** Planning the Small Garden **1.50-3.25** Film: An Alligator Named Daisy **6.00** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **11.45** Extra Dimensions **12.45am** Close.

GRANADA As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Dining In France **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30** Film: First Men in the Moon **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** The Spectacular World of Guinness Records **11.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.45am** Film: Scream and Scream Again **2.30** Sports Action **3.30** European Top 40 **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Britain's Royal Heritage **1.20** HTV News **1.30-3.30** Film: The Games **6.00-7.00** HTV News **11.45** The Twilight Zone **12.45am** HTV Weather, Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-7.00pm** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.00** Gardening Time **12.30pm-1.00** Short Story Theatre **1.20** Scottish News **1.30** Film: The Whisperers **3.30-4.00** Sealab 2020 **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Connections **11.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.40am** Film: Piranha **2.30** Sports Action **3.30** European Top 40 **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

TSW As London except: **12.00** Mr Merlin **12.30pm-1.00** A Country Practice **1.20** Today News and Weather **1.30-3.25 Film Treasure of the Golden Condor** 5.15-5.45 **Connections** 6.00 **Today** 6.30-7.00 **Jack Thompson Down Under** 11.45 **More of the Winning Hand** 12.35am **Postscript, Close.**

TVS As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Dining in France **1.30** The Wilder Summer **2.30** Take the High Road **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Country Ways **12.45am** The Channon & Ball Video Show **1.45** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **2.45** Company **2.50** I Spy **3.50** Beyond 2000 **4.40-5.00** Fifty Years On.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.00pm** An Invitation to Remember **1.20** Regional News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30** Nexus **1.50-3.25** Film: Operation Bullshine **6.00-7.00** Northern Life **11.45** Angelo Branduardi in Concert **12.30am** Inner Space **12.40-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **1.20** Ulster Newstime **1.30-3.25** Film: Five Weeks in a Balloon **6.00** Summer Edition **6.15** Which Way Now? **6.30-7.00** Knight Rider **11.45** The Bretts **12.40am** Ulster News

YORKSHIRE As London except: **10.30am-11.10** Cricket (Yorks v Somerset) **12.00** Cricket **12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Calendar News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30** Cricket **2.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.15-5.45** Cricket **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Seeing Stars **11.45** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.40am** Film: Valentina **2.20** Out of Limits **2.30** Throb **3.00** Music Box **4.00-6.00 Jobfinder.**

S4C Starts: **10.20** Film: Blowing Wild **12.00** Countdown **12.30** Business Daily **1.00** Sesame Street **2.00** Film: Looking on the Bright Side **3.25** Black Forest Clinic **4.15** Uunsau Dydd Llun **4.30** Tocyn Tramor **5.00** The Munsters **5.30** Ourselves and Other Animals **6.00** Opening Up the Family Album **6.30** Up and Coming **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Dysgwr Y Flwyddyn **8.00** Am Y Boced **8.30** Credaf **9.00** People to People **10.00** Feathers **10.50** The Eleventh Hour **12.45am** Network 7 **2.50** Diwedd.

RTE 1 Starts: **9.00am** Mass **10.45** Close **3.55** News followed by Bosco **4.25** The Smurfs **4.50** Born Free **5.45** News **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.30** Ourselves and Other Animals **7.00** The Irish RM **8.00** Ford **8.00** News **9.20** Buck James **10.15** Generations **10.45** Slap Maxwell **11.10** News, Close.

RTE 2 Starts: **5.05** Emmerdale Farm **5.30** The Sunday Game **6.30** A Country Practice **7.00** The Space Experience **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** Naucht **8.05** Elgar's Cello Concerto (Julian Lloyd Webber) **9.00** Film: The Killing of Angel Street **11.50** Tales of the Unexpected **11.20** News Headlines followed by Nightlight.

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below)
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **11.00** The Radio 1 Roadshow with Steve Wright **12.30** Newsbeat (Lesley Curwen) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Nicky Campbell **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** *Liz Kershaw* **10.00-12.00** John Peel **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see Radio 1)
4.00 Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** *David Jacobs* **2.05** *Gloria* Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn from Glastonbury **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and **7.30** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Digance Does It . . . Locally (*new series*) **10.30** Hollywood's Oscar Nights **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Alan Dedicoat presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** The Stuarts **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** The Cross and the Crescent **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Where Angels Fear to Tread **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial News **9.35** Sports Roundup **9.45** Peebles' Choice **10.00** News Summary **10.01** The Stuarts **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Health Matters **11.30** The Ken Bruce Show **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Brain of Britain 1988 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** The Third Policeman **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Stuarts **3.45** English Songsmiths **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** *English by Radio* **4.45** *Londres Soir* **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook, opening with News Summary **7.39** Stock Market Report **7.45** Peebles' Choice **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Sports International **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** The Seven Ages of Shakespeare **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Three Wishes **11.30** Multitrack 1 **12.00** World News **12.09** News about Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** *Beethoven* **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Short Story **1.45** The Seven Ages of Shakespeare **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morganmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

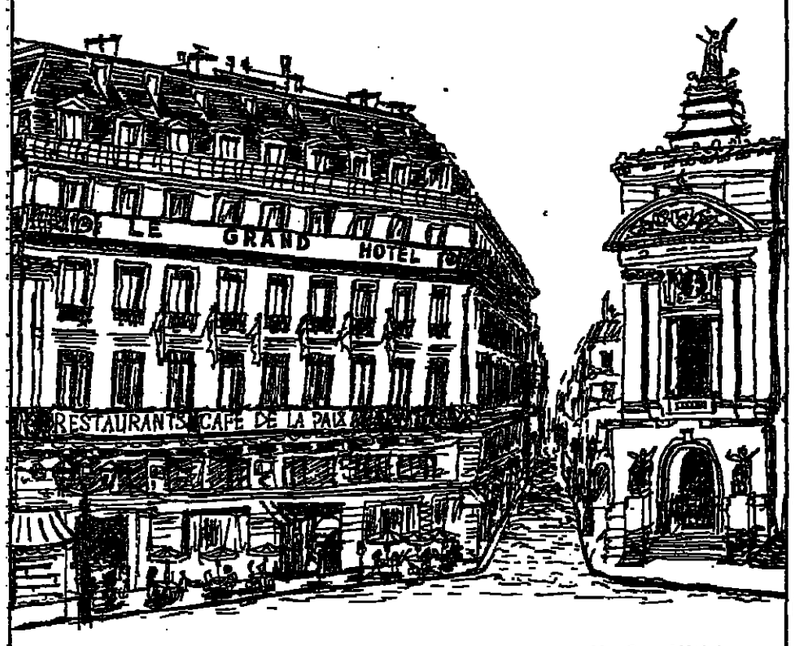
6.55 Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Handel (*Concerto Grosso in F, Op 3* No 4; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner); Bartok (Three Rondos on Folk Tunes: Andras Schiff, piano); Schubert (Rosamunde, Ballet Music No 2: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Masur)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Saint-Saëns (Phaëton, Op 39; French NO under Seiji Ozawa); Bach, arr Grainger (Blithe Bells, Sheep May Safely Graze: Leslie Howard, piano); Bax (Summer Music: Ulster Orchestra under Thomson); Schubert (The Shepherd on the Rock: Margaret Price, soprano, Hans Schoneberger, clarinet, and Wolfgang Sawallisch, piano); Rossini (Overture to William Tell: National PO under Chailly)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Music by Felix Mendelssohn's sister and Robert Schumann's wife: Fanny Hensel (1805-47) and Clara Schumann (1819-96). Hensel (Goethe settings — Wanderlied, Op 1 No 2; Erwin Op 7 No 2; and Leider Op 9: Isabel Lippitz, soprano, and Barbara Heller, piano); Schumann (Piano Concerto in A minor, Op 7: Berlin SO under Schmidt-Gertenbach with Michael Ponti; and Three Romances, Op 21: Hélène Boschi, piano)
9.35 Robert Schumann: Symphony No 4 in D minor: *BBC Scottish SO under* George Hurst
10.05 Music for Two Violins: Yuri and Dana Mazurkevich (violins) with Clifford Benson (piano) perform Handel (Trio Sonata in B flat Op 2 No 4); Spohr (Duo in E, Op 39 No 3); Rawsthorne (Theme and Variations for two violins); and Sarasate (Navarra Op 33) (r)
11.05 A Single Reed: Anton Weinberg *plays music for* solo clarinet: Stadler's Caprice No 3 and Denosov's Sonata (r)
11.20 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Gyorgy Lehel conducts Korngold (Symphonic Serenade for strings); Mahler (Kindertotenlieder); and Mozart (Symphony No 39 in E flat, K 543). Featuring Carolyn Watkinson (*mezzo-soprano*)
1.00 News
1.05 Haydn and Beethoven Quartets on Period *Instruments:* Salomon String Quartet perform Haydn (Quartet in E flat, Op 20 No 1); and Beethoven (Quartet in C minor, Op 18 No 4)
2.00 Bax: Cello Concerto: LPO under Thomson with Raphael Wallfisch
2.35 Pascal Rogé: The pianist plays Bach (A selection of two-part Inventions and three-part Sinfonias); Brahms (Four Ballades, Op 10); Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 111) (r)
4.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Helsinki Junior Strings under Csaba Szilvay and Gaza Szilvay perform Leevi Madetoja (Elegia, Op 4 No 1); Hafidi Hallgrimsson (Daydreams with Numbers); Einojuhani Rautavaara (Epitaph to Bela Bartok); Pehr Henrik Nordgren (Portraits of Country Fiddlers, Op 26); Liszt (Csardas macabre)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: A selection of music presented by Roger Nichols
6.25 Music for Organ: Christopher Brayne plays Hendrik Andriessen (Theme and Variations); Vierne (Andantino in A minor, *Pieces de fantaisie, Suite* No 1 Op 51); and Langlais (Six pieces on BACH, Fete)
7.00 News
7.05 The Sicilian Expedition: Final episode of the six-part adaptation of Thucydides narrative about the expedition to Sicily of the Athenian navy and army. With Edward de Souza (r)
7.30 Proms 88: Live from the Royal Albert Hall. Ulster *Orchestra under* Vernon Handley with Ernst Kovacic (violin) perform Elgar (Violin Concerto in B minor); first performance of Gerald Barry (Chevaux-de-frise); and Sibelius (Symphony No 5 in E flat). *Includes* **8.15** Gerald Barry talks to David Byers about his music
9.45 Music of the Royal Courts: Singing from the courts of Rajasthan in India. Thumri in *Rag Khamaj*: Allahjilal Bai (singer) with Latif Ahmed Khan (tabla), Asif Ali Khan (sarangi) and Ashit Desai (harmonium); The Epic Story of Dhola-Maru; The Epic Story of Sainal-Beenjhanand; and The Ballad of Asa Narbad: Gazi Khan (singer) with Hakim Khan (kamancha) and Niyaz Khan (dholak)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Janacek (1854-1928) (r)
12.00 News **12.05am** Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing: Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today: Presented by John Humphrys and Michael Woodhead, with Peter Hobday reporting on the *Republican National* Convention in New Orleans, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News 6.55, **7.55** Weather 7.00, **8.00** News 7.25, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.42** Behind the Wall by Colin Thubron. Read by John Rowe (4 of 12) (r) **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Modest Proposals: Seven discussions chaired by *Matthew Parris with Paul* Barker, Jeff Nuttall and guests (4) Provincialism (s)
10.00 News; A Small Country Living: Jeanne McMullen with a host of tales and experiences of life in rural *Britain today (r)*
10.30 Morning Story: The Silent Dancer by Christopher David Paling. Read by Ann Morrish
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News: Travel: Down the *River Tay (new series): Cliff* Morgan travels along the River Tay, Scotland's longest river, meeting the people who live and work along its banks (r)
11.50 Poetry Please! Listeners' requests read by Geoffrey Beevers and Angela Down (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer news and advice with Debbie Thrower
12.25 My Word! Michael O'Donnell chairs a light-hearted panel game with Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenging Gay Search and Denis Norden (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
***1.00** The World At One*
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes an interview with the author Evelyn Anthony and with Bajan calypso singer Rita Forrester; plus a discussion on what to do if your children fail their exams; and episode four of *The Colour of Money* by Julian Symons, read by Crawford Logan and Douglas Blackwell
3.00 News; The Governess: by Evelyn Hervey, dramatized by Barry Campbell and Michael Bakewell, with Angela Pleasence and James Bolam (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Michael Billington investigates role reversal in the theatre and on the big screen (r)
5.00 PM: With Valerie Singleton and Gordon Clough **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Radio Fun: In the third of the 12-part story of radio comedy, *Russell Davies* recalls the era of *Bandwagon* and *The Day War Broke Out*
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Wilko's Weekly: Tony *Wilkinson visits six local* newspapers (3) *The Epworth Bells* (r)
7.45 Science Now: Peter Evans reports on the latest scientific discoveries and developments from the world's *laboratories (r)*
8.15 Apart from George: Play by Nick Ward with Matthew Scurfield, Amelda Brown, Katrin Cartlidge and Michael Turner (s) (see Choice)
9.25 For Friends Only: A *sequence of poetry chosen* by the late Dame Helen Gardner, and read by Rosalind Shanks and Peter Howell (r)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of Anita Brookner's *new novel Lasecomers* and Alan Ayckbourn's play *Man of the Moment;* plus a report on the opening day of the Edinburgh Festival; and a feature on Horse and Bamboo, a Scottish travelling theatre company
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Countrywoman by Paul Smith, read by Kevin McHugh (6 of 12) **10.29** Weather
10.30 *The World Tonight:* Presented by David Sells
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Continental Cabaret Chansons sung in French, Spanish and German (see Choice)
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner **5.50-5.55** PM (Continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University **11.30** *Open Forum* **11.50** *Adam Smith* and Government

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AGAIN AND AGAIN

Next group wins court ban on survey

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

A High Court injunction obtained over the weekend by Next, the fashion retailing and home shopping group, has restricted publication today of a survey into repeated breaches of advertising standards by some of Britain's best-known high-street companies.

The investor's guide to the advertising business was compiled by EIRIS, the Ethical Investment Research Service, launched in 1983 with financial backing from the Church of England, Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, Oxfam and The Society of Friends.

The 12-page survey, circulated to national newspapers last week with publication embargoed until this morning, included a table of 10 publicly quoted companies which had the most complaints against their advertisements upheld by the Advertising Standards Authority between March, 1986, and April this year.

Next plc, which made pre-tax profits of £92 million in the 12 months to January this year, figures in the table.

The complaints are understood to involve Kaleidoscope and Scotcade, subsidiaries specializing in mail order and part of the Grattan group, which were not acquired by Next until July, 1986 – four months after the start of the EIRIS survey period.

Mr David Jones, deputy chief executive of Next, told *The Times* that the figures were "technically incorrect" because some of the upheld complaints in the table related to the period before Next acquired the Grattan group.

On Friday night, lawyers acting for Next were granted an injunction by Mr Justice Schiemann preventing publication of allegations that Next "has, since March, 1986, caused or permitted to be published any more than 14 advertisements in respect of which complaints have been upheld by the Advertising Standards Authority".

Mr Peter Webster, executive director of EIRIS, first heard of the legal action at 10 pm that night.

"We had no opportunity to be represented," he said yesterday.

Following the legal action, EIRIS asked national newspapers not to publish anything from the survey or accompanying press release.

A full hearing of the case brought by Next is due to take place tomorrow.

Other companies included in the EIRIS survey, with the number of upheld complaints in brackets, include: Dixons group (16), British Telecom and Woolworth Holdings (both 14), British Airways (11), Grand Metropolitan (9), Unilever (8), Asda Group, Reed International and Tesco (all 7).

Mr Jones said yesterday: "We have issued an injunction to ensure the true facts are recorded against Next plc.

"I am not saying we have not made mistakes, but we don't go out to deliberately mislead the public," Mr Jones added.

A last dip before the onset of Dry Rot



Off duty: Sir Brian Rix and his wife, Elspet Gray, taking advantage of the warm weather in the pool of their home at Barnes Common, south-west London. Sir Brian and Lady Rix today begin rehearsals for a revival of the farce *Dry Rot* at the Lyric Theatre, in what will be his first West End appearance since starring in *Fringe Benefits* in 1977. He left the stage in 1980 to become secretary general of Mencap, the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults, from which he retired last year after being knighted for his services to the charity in 1986. He first appeared in *Dry Rot* in 1954 at the Whitehall Theatre. The revival opens in London on September 28 after a two-week run in Bath. (Photograph: Graham Wood)

Private plan to develop hospital

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said yesterday: "This is a pilot project to make sure that similar hospitals could be made to work in other places".

Government interest in private sector involvement in the NHS building programme was first disclosed by *The Times* last February. Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, have been briefed on the proposal.

Privatization of health service capital expenditure on new buildings has often been raised in the Commons. Sir Edward du Cann, the former Conservative MP for Taunton, suggested in a letter to *The Times* that private developers could save the service "hundreds of millions of pounds each year".

The health service has a property estate consisting of about 50,000 acres, about 2,000 hospitals and numerous other premises. Almost £3 billion is presently committed to projects in various stages of planning, design and construction.

The proposal being considered at Bromley would centralize the borough's services on the 21-acre Elmfield, Bromley Common, site. It replaces previous proposals to build two hospitals, at Bromley and Orpington, which under normal NHS programmes would not be ready before 2000.

The proposal is supported by the regional and district health authorities and the Department of Health. However, the financing aspects have been referred to the Treasury for a decision.

Patients travelling to Kings' College or Guy's hospitals, central London, could be treated at the new Bromley hospital.

Turnkey Hospitals would get surplus sites at Masons Hill, Farnborough, Orpington and the former Lennard Hospital on Bromley Common as part of the agreement.

The Bromley proposal suggests an "open book" method of contracting, whereby the health authority would be given full access to financial details of the project, ensuring public accountability.

Under the Turnkey system, any costs exceeding those estimated by the contractor would be borne by them and not by the health authority, unless these were agreed changes to the design and specification.

It is proposed to sign a contract by Christmas so that work can start in the new year.

Discussions have been held with the local planning office about building houses on the land received as part of the deal by the contractor, at a density to be agreed. In reply to a letter from South East Thames Regional Health Authority, the contractor said: "Assitance may well have to be sought from Bromley District Health Authority to secure confirmed planning permission on all sites".

Clinical staff at Bromley have supported the hospital plan which Mr Gerry Green, the district general manager, has described as "a centre of excellence".

Soldiers press for new number plates

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do decide to seek withdrawal of British Forces Germany number plates, we shall need to consult the German Government very urgently."

A report, recommending a number of options, by Ministry of Defence officials, was completed recently. Mr Younger ordered the review after the deaths of three RAF servicemen in The Netherlands in May.

Military sources made it clear, yesterday, however, that the growing wish among servicemen with the British Army of the Rhine was to change to an ordinary British number plate.

"The number plates have got to be changed," said one young soldier driving his car off the P&O ferry Princess Marie-Christine at Ostend. "We stand out a mile away whether in Britain or abroad. I've been thinking about breaking the law and using British number plates instead."

He added:"I would rather get done for breaking the law than get shot for complying with it."

The wife of one servicemant said: "It's actually quite worrying. You don't really appreciate how dangerous these number plates are until something happens to one of your friends. Then it becomes really traumatic, and you get very paranoid."

Mr Hamilton, in a statement clearly intended to reassure worried servicemen, said that the Government's "prime concern is to take the right decision in the best interests of the safety of British and civilian personnel serving in Germany".

The present registration system was arranged with the West German Government under a Status of Forces Agreement, signed in 1951. Mr Hamilton said that there were also "positive security advantages" to having a distinctive number plate. Although he gave no details, the BFG plate, which has white lettering on a black background with the letter "B" at the end, helps the guards at the many barracks in Germany to recognise an approaching car instantly.

Mr Hamilton warned that the use of German number plates would present a number of practical difficulties, such as legal requirements over exhaust systems, insurance requirements and duty-free petrol concessions. The cars would also still be recognisable because of right hand drive steering.

An examination of the issue in 1980 concluded that the present arrangements should be maintained.

Mr Martin O'Neill, Labour's spokesman on defence, accused the ministry of dragging its feet in reviewing security for armed forces personnel abroad. He said it was vital that steps be taken quickly to "minimise the risk" faced by servicemen and their families.

He said: "The urgent review that George Younger promised on May 3 seemed to be gathering dust in Whitehall until this tragedy."

In Belfast, Mr McGuinness told the rally that the reintroduction of internment would not solve the province's troubles. "They are not dealing with a group of rabid revolutionaries. They are dealing with people from all parts of the six counties who have said that enough is enough. If they were to introduce internment, as I believe they will, they will not defeat the Republicans."

Putting on a new face for Mr Bush

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Washington. He invented confetti cannons lit by strobe lights – much more interesting than balloons, but he ordered 150,000 of those anyway for a splash of colour at the close of business on Thursday.

"We take the care, the time and the trouble," Mr Goode said, emphasizing that his show would be far more spectacular than the Democratic National Convention the other week. "We try to create some of the suspense that is missing from the modern political system with innovative programmes."

The Louisiana Superdome, site of the convention, is an inspiring 27 storeys high, with seats stretching steeply almost to the top. The floor covers nearly ten acres, making it the biggest indoor stadium in the world. It held 88,000 people for The Pope last year, matching the number who came for a Rolling Stones concert in 1981.

It is so vast that the Republicans have cut it in half by draping curtains all the way across it. They flow down almost from the top of the dome. Mr Goode, who came up with the idea, must be deeply loved by a curtain factory somewhere.

New Orleans, where three-quarters of registered voters are Democrats, has gone crazy over the Republicans. The collapse of the local petrochemical industry has brought hard times. The Big Easy is uneasy. Beyond the jazz joints, nude bars and all-night hysteria of the celebrated French Quarter there is hideous poverty, the sort that only the South knows.

The city has been trying to clear up the bawdy French Quarter for the Republicans. "Topless and bottomless men and women" still screams from neon signs, together with "boys will be girls" and "live sex on stage", but at least the prostitutes and pimps have been scattered from the streets.

Mint-scented oil has been tipped into the sewers to combat the stench of stale beer that stalks the French Quarter, the pavements of which are littered with plastic cups from countless take-away beer joints. Sanitary crews are on 24-hour duty all this week.

The convention will bring an estimated $137 million to local restaurants, bars and hotels, but more than that it will boost the city's sagging morale. Even the mighty Mississippi has slowed to a crawl because of the drought.

But it still has enough water for Mr Bush's purposes. He arrives tomorrow on the paddlewheeler Natchez.

Hopes rise for British hostages in Lebanon

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newspaper also hinted that progress could hinge on London's support for Tehran over a peace settlement to the Gulf War.

In London, the Archbishop of Canterbury's top aide, Mr John Lyttle, ended his fourth and final round of negotiations with the senior Iranian envoy, Mr Reza Said Mohamedi, at a secret location on Saturday. The Iranian envoy has now returned to Iran.

In Tehran the Foreign Office's special envoy, Mr David Reddaway, yesterday embarked on his second day of talks with Iranian officials. Although the substance of his discussions was not released, it is believed he is seeking guarantees for the safety of British diplomats if they return to Tehran, and Iranian help in freeing the British hostages, Mr Waite, Mr John McCarthy and Mr Brian Keenan.

After two sessions with Foreign Ministry officials, Mr Reddaway said the Iranians had agreed to let him visit two Britons held at the Evin maximum security prison in northern Tehran. "There is agreement I should see both [Roger] Cooper and [Nicholas] Nicola some time this week," he said. If the visits go ahead, it will be the first consular access the Iranians have allowed Mr Cooper.

"All the developments so far augur well for the restoration of London-Tehran relations at a cordial level," the *Tehran Times* said. The paper added in its commentary that Tehran would expect British support in negotiations with Iraq on border demarcation once the United Nations-brokered ceasefire comes into effect on Saturday.

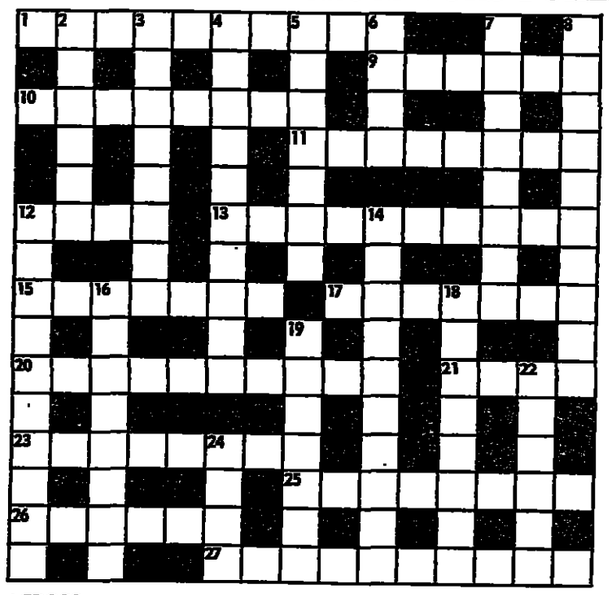
Observers believe the article provided one of the clearest indications to date that Iran still expects to receive a political pay-off if it manages to secure the release of the British hostages.

Meanwhile, the Hezbollah militia suffered a further humiliating blow at the weekend when one of its principal spiritual leaders in southern Lebanon was shot dead by Syria's Shia Muslim allies.

United Nations sources confirmed that more than 10 gunmen stopped the Hezbollah leader, Sheikh Ali Karim, as he was driving through the village of Bir al-Salasel, shot him dead and wounded his daughter, brother and sister, who were with him.

The killing apparently took place only 700 yards from a checkpoint of the Ghanaian UN contingent, and the gunmen were identified by the Ghanaians as members of the Shia Muslim Amal militia. The shooting, according to Hezbollah, took place on Saturday afternoon

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ACROSS

1 Gain honour (10).
9 Big river, lesser river, little river, all will flow from it (6).
10 Perch I catch from a pram (8).
11 Persons upset by egghead's retort (8).
12 The forward-thinking man (4).
13 A Westerner losing nothing by chance (10).
15 This raises a lofty point over the church (7).
17 Tonic and spirits for example taken around mid-morning (7).
20 A number write to store's staff (10).
21 Others find repose (4).
23 A wild plant that's quite without equal (8).
25 Charm will ensure admission! (8).
26 Critical about East South relations (6).
27 Allowance free to Oriental (10).

DOWN

2 A tablet that may cause dental trouble (6).
3 Means of support, secure or otherwise (8).
4 Police finding firm involved in swindles (10).
5 Appeal to a sober individual to hold transport up (7).
6 Parking in the dawn to compose a poem (4).
7 Animal getting around snare in dark (8).
8 It's fresh, easily digested and gives you go! (5,3).
12 Providing for using different colour inside (10).
14 A writer endorsing teetotalism (10).
16 For the record, about ten finished exhausted (8).
18 A serving man gets near-distraught (8).
19 Neat basis for a meal (3-4).
22 Chisels back to firm plaster (6).
24 A little travel-bureau is to set up in the Hebrides (4).

Concise crossword, page 16

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

CRENULATED
a. Embattled
b. Scalloped
c. Finely powdered

PINCHEM
a. An ejaculation of disbelief
b. The blue European titmouse
c. Slang for the CID

XIPHOID
a. Sword-shaped
b. Japanese enteric fever
c. Like a rowing-boat

CUSTUMAL
a. Sumptuary
b. To do with dress
c. To do with customs

Answers on page 16

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,747 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

Northern Scotland will have frequent showers and sunny intervals while most of the rest, Northern Ireland and the Lake District will see sunshine and scattered showers. South-east Scotland, Wales and much of England will be dry with sunny spells. South-east England will be warm and sunny. Outlook: Rain later in the north-west.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Algiers	31	88	s	Luxor	41	106	s
Amst'dm	24	75	s	Madrid	31	88	s
Athens	34	93	s	Majorca	31	88	s
Bahrain	37	99	s	Malaga	30	86	s
Barcelna	29	84	s	Malta	35	95	s
Belgrade	33	91	s	Moscow	22	72	r
Berlin	25	77	s	Nairobi	21	70	r
Borde'x	31	88	s	Naples	32	90	s
Brussels	26	79	s	N Delhi	31	88	r
Budapst	31	88	s	Oslo	20	68	s
Cairo	36	97	s	Paris	27	81	s
C'blanca	24	75	r	Peking	20	68	r
C'phagn	20	68	r	Perth	13	55	r
Cortu	36	97	s	Prague	27	81	s
Dublin	18	64	r	Reykjvk	13	55	c
Dubrovnik	32	90	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Florence	34	93	s	Rio de J	19	66	s
Frankfurt	29	84	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
Funchal	24	75	s	Rome	29	84	s
Geneva	27	81	s	Seoul	32	90	c
Gibraltar	27	81	s	Sing'por	27	81	r
Helsinki	16	61	r	St'kholm	20	68	r
Hong K	26	79	r	Sydney	18	64	s
Innsbrck	28	82	s	Tangier	26	79	r
Istanbul	30	86	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tokyo	30	86	r
L Palmas	24	75	s	Tunis	38	100	s
La Toquet	20	68	r	Venice	31	88	s
Lisbon	24	75	s	Vienna	29	84	s
Locarno	28	82	r	Warsaw	23	73	r
Luxembg	26	79	s	Wel'ton	13	55	s
				Zurich	27	81	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.26	6.9	4.36	6.8
Aberdeen	3.29	4.1	4.05	4.0
Avonmouth	9.51	12.3	9.58	12.6
Belfast	1.19	3.4	1.43	3.0
Cardiff	9.36	11.4	9.43	11.7
Devonport	8.23	5.0	8.30	5.2
Dover	1.19	6.2	1.38	6.5
Falmouth	7.53	4.8	8.00	5.0
Glasgow	3.03	4.7	3.53	4.0
Harwich	2.21	3.8	2.30	3.9
Holyhead	12.36	5.4	12.56	5.1
Hull	8.44	7.3	9.11	7.0
Ilfracombe	8.33	8.6	8.44	8.8
Leith	5.01	5.2	5.25	5.1
Liverpool	1.35	9.1	1.52	8.8
Lowestoft	12.13	2.2	11.52	2.5
Margate	2.37	4.5	2.37	4.6
Milford Haven	8.47	6.6	8.59	6.7
Newquay	7.37	6.6	7.50	6.7
Oban	8.22	3.7	8.18	3.9
Penzance	7.24	5.1	7.31	5.3
Portland	9.39	1.9	9.41	2.1
Portsmouth	1.45	4.3	2.11	4.4
Shoreham	1.27	5.8	1.53	5.9
Southampton	12.07	4.3	1.34	4.3
Swansea	8.57	8.8	9.06	8.9
Tees	6.02	5.3	6.29	5.0
W'ton-on-Nze	2.14	4.1	2.21	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	7.0	-	17	63	sunny
Margate	-	-	22	72	cloudy
Folkestone	7.7	-	19	66	sunny
Brighton	4.0	-	19	66	bright
Sandown	4.7	-	19	66	bright
Bournemth	2.5	-	19	66	cloudy
Weymouth	2.1	-	18	64	cloudy
Torquay	2.1	-	18	64	cloudy
Penzance	1.6	-	17	63	shower
Scilly Isles	1.6	.01	18	64	dull
Jersey	12.2	-	22	72	sunny
Guernsey	7.8	-	21	70	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	.17	*	*	rain
Minehead	2.9	.01	18	64	cloudy
Morecambe	2.0	.07	16	61	rain
Douglas	1.0	.07	14	57	rain
Carlisle	2.5	.01	17	63	dull
Leeds	0.8	.02	17	63	cloudy
Nottingham	0.5	-	18	64	cloudy
Anglesey	1.7	.12	15	59	rain
Colwyn Bay	1.5	.06	16	61	cloudy
Aberdeen	6.1	.08	19	66	bright
Aviemore	5.0	.49	17	63	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	3.0	-	15	59	sunny
Kinloss	5.1	1.14	19	66	shower
Lerwick	4.3	-	15	59	bright
Stornoway	3.5	.21	16	61	shower
Tiree	2.8	-	16	61	cloudy
Wick	3.0	.10	15	59	shower

* Denotes figures not available
These are Saturday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.10
Austria Sch	23.55	22.35
Belgium Fr	70.85	67.45
Canada $	2.157	2.057
Denmark Kr	12.74	12.14
Finland Mkk	7.95	7.55
France Fr	11.30	10.75
Germany Dm	3.33	3.17
Greece Dr	265	251
Hong Kong $	13.85	13.10
Ireland Pt	1.24	1.18
Italy Lira	2470	2350
Japan Yen	238.75	226.75
Netherlands Gld	3.765	3.575
Norway Kr	12.17	11.57
Portugal Esc	271	257
South Africa Rd	4.75	4.25
Spain Pta	218	207
Sweden Kr	11.51	10.91
Switzerland Fr	2.79	2.65
USA $	1.79	1.70
Yugoslavia Dnr	5175	4375

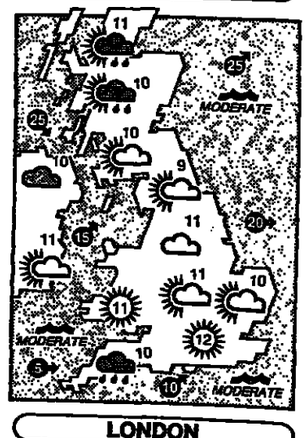
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Retail Price Index: 106.6 (June)

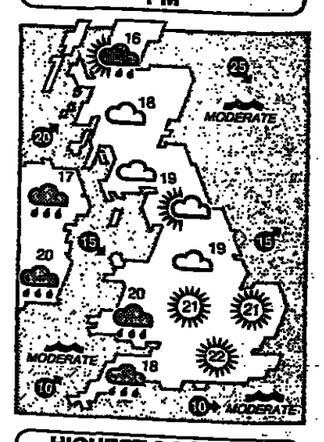
London: The *FT* Index closed up 7.2 at 1484.8.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 1.78 at 2037.52.

AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1009.1 millibars, steady.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	17	63	f	Guernsey	19	66	s
B'mingham	17	63	r	Inverness	16	61	r
Blackpool	19	66	f	Jersey	22	72	c
Bristol	17	63	c	London	21	70	f
Cardiff	18	64	d	M'nchester	19	66	c
Edinburgh	17	63	r	Newcastle	19	66	c
Glasgow	17	63	c	R'nldsway	15	59	c

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Jersey, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Mull of Galloway, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Inverness, Highland, 1.22in; highest sunshine: Jersey, 12.2hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.53 pm to 5.18 am
Bristol 9.02 pm to 5.28 am
Edinburgh 9.19 pm to 5.16 am
Manchester 9.07 pm to 5.20 am
Penzance 9.11 pm to 5.43 am

Sun rises: 5.46 am
Sun sets: 8.23 pm
Moon rises 8.49 am
Moon sets 9.12 pm
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NOON TODAY



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CHANGE ON WEEK	
FT 30 Share 1484.8 (–28.0)	US dollar 1.7135 (+0.0200)
FT-SE 100 1843.4 (–32.5)	W German mark 3.2231 (+0.0215)
USM (Datastream) 169.20 (–0.58)	Trade-weighted 76.9 (+0.6)

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Retail sales buoyant says CBI

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

High street sales will remain buoyant this month, with slightly faster sales growth than in July when volumes remained steady, the Confederation of British Industry says.

Motor dealers are expecting a particularly good August because of F registration cars.

Shops selling textiles, furniture and carpets were the most optimistic about August, with 86 per cent expecting sales higher than a year ago.

Overall among the high street shops, 65 per cent thought August sales would be up on last August.

The optimism has followed two months when the outturn in sales has been better than forecast. Mr John Caff, the CBI's economic director, said there is no indication in the August picture of a "significant" acceleration in the rate of growth.

"The greater purchasing power of consumers continues to be the main factor behind the recent improvement in business as real personal disposable income is boosted by the Budget tax changes," he said.

"Although consumer demand remains strong, judging from the results of the July quarterly industry trends survey by the CBI, British industry remains in a position to meet demand because of the pick-up in investment."

● John Lewis Partnership's 21 department stores closed the half year at the end of July with sales up 10 per cent in value on annual comparison, beating a target of 8.3 per cent.

Trade faltered in April and June but picked up in July with a summer sales fortnight going well. Food sales through the Waitrose supermarket chain were up 13 per cent.

Small society tops league

Town & Country, the smallest of Britain's leading building societies, has come out best in a report published today by Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, assessing the performance of the country's top 16 building societies.

Town & Country came first in seven of the 12 performance ratios selected by Phillips & Drew, which included profitability, capital strength and market share.

The Abbey National and Cheltenham & Gloucester came second and third.

Control move at Palladium

The London Palladium and the other London theatres and cinemas once held by Lord Grade's Associated Communications Corporation, are believed to be returning back under the personal control of Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur.

The assets form part of the Bell Group which passed into the control of his fellow countryman, Mr Alan Bond.

It is understood that Mr Holmes à Court has offered £25 million to re-acquire the assets.

HK banks lift rate to 9.5%

Hong Kong's banks are to raise their prime lending rates by half of one percentage point today to 9.5 per cent.

The Hong Kong Association of Banks said the increase, the seventh this year.

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Insider deals prompt City security check

By Alexandra Jackson

Leading City firms will reassess their internal security and surveillance systems, after the discovery of another case of insider dealing.

It involves employees of Samuel Montagu, Morgan Grenfell and Lazard Brothers, the merchant banks.

Earlier last week, two market makers from County NatWest WoodMac, the securities arm of National Westminster Bank, were dismissed after an internal breach of security.

The banks involved in the latest case are understood to be co-operating with a Stock Exchange investigation to establish whether or not it was an isolated incident.

The central issue taxing the City is the leakage of price-sensitive information from corporate finance departments to other parts of firms, or to third parties outside the company.

Although most City dealing rooms have equipment monitoring all telephone calls, it is not common practice in corporate finance departments.

In both of last week's cases, the firms concerned were alerted only after phone calls from third parties.

The latest case came to light at the weekend when the compliance department of Morgan Grenfell pinpointed the leak of Mecca Leisure's £620 million bid for Pleasurama from the corporate finance department of Samuel Montagu, adviser to Mecca. As a result, recordings of conversations within Morgan Grenfell Securities, the stockbroking arm of the group, were scanned.

They are understood to have revealed a conversation between Miss Cathy Rowlands, a junior executive in Samuel Montagu's corporate finance department, and Mr David Gray, an equity salesman at Morgan Grenfell.

The deal – for the purchase of 15,000 shares in Pleasurama before the bid was announced on August 4 – was carried out by Mr Bill Liggins, a fund manager with Lazard Investors, who received the price-sensitive information from Mr Gray.

The three are friends and Mr Gray and Mr Liggins worked together in the past. The deal stood to make a profit of more than £9,000. Mr Gray and Mr Liggins have been dismissed for breaches of staff dealing rules. Miss Rowlands resigned.

She worked on the Australian desk in the corporate finance department at Samuel Montagu, so was not directly involved with the Mecca account.

The Stock Exchange had independently launched an inquiry into the movement of Pleasurama shares, which rose from 200p to 230p ahead of the Mecca bid.

The modest number of shares involved in this case would have been insufficient to cause the price to move. The dealings led to financial gain for the bank and not the individuals concerned.

Timetable of a market leak

By Our City Staff

Further details are emerging about how the disclosure of confidential inside information concerning Grand Metropolitan, the hotels and leisure group, led to the dismissal of two market-makers at County NatWest WoodMac.

Mr Russell Kean and Mr Stephen Floyd were dismissed last week by County for buying GrandMet shares ahead of the public announcement that GrandMet was to sell off its Inter-Continental hotels division for at least £1.5 billion. Mr Kean is suing County, claiming that he was wrongfully dismissed.

GrandMet telephoned the Stock Exchange's Company Information division at 12.43 pm last Monday, saying it would be sending an important announcement over the facsimile machine. The announcement, marked for immediate release, was received by the Exchange at 12.46 pm.

Immediately afterwards Mr Allen Sheppard, the chairman of GrandMet, and Mr Clive Strowger, the finance director, made four telephone calls between them. These were to GrandMet's three stockbrokers, County, Cazenove and Panmure Gordon, and to National Westminster Bank, the company's bankers.

The GrandMet directors revealed an announcement had gone to the Exchange about the sale of Inter-Continental. It would have been obvious to all parties that the information was confidential.

County received its phone call at about 1 pm. It was taken by a very senior executive – not Mr John Chiene, the chairman. It was relayed to two analysts at the bank, one male and one female who passed it on to Mr Kean. He then purchased the Grand Metropolitan shares.

Although the Exchange received the announcement at 12.46 it was not publicly released until 1.18 pm.

Mr Kean had already bought the GrandMet shares for County and the public announcement sent Grand Met shares soaring by 25p.

The GrandMet notice, because it came as a facsimile transmission, had to be keyed into the Stock Exchange's companies' announcement system. It had to take its place in a queue of 40 announcements transmitted by the Exchange between 12.30 and 1.30 pm, on Monday.

Firms face water price rises 'before and after selloff'

By Graham Searjeant

British business faces an increase in water prices both before and after privatization of the water authorities, an international survey suggests.

The privatization process will entail a radical change in the industry's pricing policy.

British consumers are also likely to be subject to spiralling water costs, in common with other European Community countries, to pay for improved standards of water quality and sewerage outflow.

A comparison of 11 industrial countries in the 1987-88 international water price survey by the National Utility Services shows Britain still enjoys below-average prices. But charges are catching up with those of other European countries.

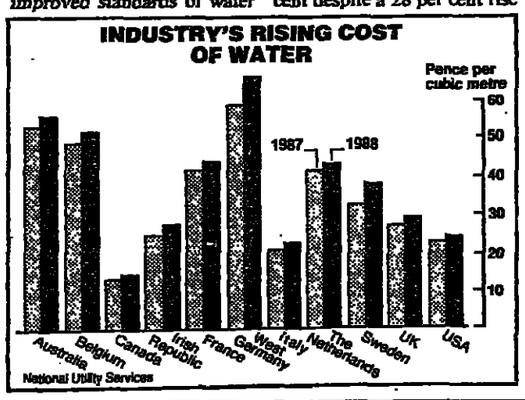
In the 12 months to end-July, British water prices rose by an above-average 7.2 per cent despite a 28 per cent rise in the combined profits of the 10 water authorities.

NUS, which runs an international utility cost consultancy, concludes that rationalization and improvement of the regional water supply systems is likely to put prices in Britain on a par with the more expensive of the leading industrial countries in Europe and North America.

At present, West German firms have to pay most for their water. West German water prices average 67p a cubic metre, more than double Britain's average of 29.6p.

Water prices in France are on average 50 per cent higher than in Britain. French water companies have bought into British statutory water companies. The NUS suggests the Government should be wary of the possibility of profits from British water being used to subsidize French water costs.

After privatization, different investment requirements will mean that regional price variations are also destined to become more sharply marked.





Holding the line for victory: Sir Ernest in his Surrey garden (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

Vodafone flotation is backed

By John Bell
City Editor

Sir Ernest Harrison, the Racal chairman, has won overwhelming support from shareholders for his planned £2 billion flotation of Vodafone, the group's fast-growing cellular telephone offshoot.

A team at Racal's auditors, Touche Ross, worked through last night counting proxies for tomorrow's shareholder meetings to approve the sale of a 20 per cent stake in Vodafone.

Final figures will not be disclosed until the meetings. But Racal supporters are confident that the final tally of proxies in favour of the flotation will top 200 million – roughly a third of Racal's share capital.

This would be enough to ensure defeat for the rival plan put forward by Racal's second largest shareholder, the US electronics group Millicom, which has been campaigning for a complete demerger of Vodafone.

Mr David Cardale, of Millicom's adviser, County NatWest, said that the proxy vote appeared to indicate a high level of abstentions. "It is surprising that after an unprecedented effort by Racal, the company has not received half the outstanding votes in its favour," said Mr Cardale.

Early indications were that Millicom has attracted roughly 90 million proxies, including its own holding of 30 million shares. "If we managed to attract the support of 60 million independent shares, then a large number of institutions are in favour of a demerger of Vodafone," he added.

"It would appear that the loyalty factor has won at the expense of the pension funds' interests. We hope that management will prove as loyal to its own shareholders in the long run."

BP considers new oil search in Iran

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

A restoration of full relations between Britain and Iran could mean that BP, Britain's biggest company, will begin a new exploration programme in the country that was once its main centre of activities and provided the foundation for its present fortunes.

BP, which developed the oil assets of Iran and later saw them nationalized, still has a large bank of information about the geology of the Iranian oil fields which could be used to revitalize the nation's oil industry and help restore its oil revenues. BP's expertise in offshore oil production, since gained in the North Sea, could also be used by Iran to develop its offshore oil deposits.

Mr Basil Butler, the BP managing director who heads its exploration and production division, has said that Iran could once again play a role in BP's exploration programme. He said that once relations between Britain and Iran were restored fully BP would be interested in working in Iran to find new oil resources.

Developments in Iran by oil companies could be joint ventures with the Iranian Government or carried out under contract to Tehran on a fee basis.

BP could in future also move into Iraq, where Britoil, the Glasgow-based exploration company now part of BP, once had exploration ambitions. The Iraqi Government now prohibits foreign participation in its oil business, but it too will eventually need to upgrade many of its existing installations.

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A lonely feeling for BCI investors

By Lawrence Lever

Investors in Barlow Clowes International, the Gibraltar end of the crashed investment group, can be forgiven for feeling somewhat isolated

At a meeting last week, investors in the British operation of Barlow Clowes made abundantly clear their desire to distance themselves from their more unfortunate counterparts in the Gibraltar fund.

Moreover, indications from Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, suggest that the Government regards the Gibraltar investors as poor candidates for any compensation payments since BCI was not licensed by the DTI.

To cap it all there are currently no plans to hold a meeting of creditors in BCI. Last week's meeting was for investors in the British company, Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers.

Meanwhile, further details are emerging about the diversion of BCI investors' money which they believed was invested in British government securities.

In fact it was used to buy three-quarters of the shares in James Ferguson Holdings, the publicly quoted parent of the Barlow Clowes companies.

About 30 million shares in James Ferguson were purchased with money belonging to BCI investors. According to one estimate these shares were bought at an average price of 60p. This means that £18 million of BCI money was invested in Ferguson shares.

James Ferguson's shares have been suspended, the company put into administration and its subsidiaries are in the process of being sold off. The shares owned by BCI investors, mainly held through various offshore vehicles, are now worthless.

However, at one point last year James Ferguson shares, bolstered by the purchases unwittingly made by BCI investors, had reached 200p and the company was considering a series of acquisitions as part of its expansion plans.

Substantial funds continued to pour into Barlow Clowes International after the DTI moved in. Investors and intermediaries, hit by the stock market crash, considered the gilts of Barlow Clowes a safer haven.

None of this money, however, went into BCGM, the British company. It had stopped taking in money from investors in May 1987 – a fact referred to but not explained by the Official Receiver at last week's meeting.

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Profit before Tax	11,743	9,405	23,553
Profit after Tax	7,633	6,535	16,365
Earnings per Share	11.3p	9.4p	24.4p
Ordinary Dividend	3.5p	2.7p	11.5p

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All at sea with the chairman's thoughts

US deal finds Maxwell in the pink

From Robert Ballantyne
Bastia, Corsica

The silver sofa curved around the lavish saloon of the yacht, beneath the sweep of the tinted windows. Outside, the Corsican coastline slipped by in a 90 degree heat haze: inside, it was hushed and air conditioned. The only jarring note in the plush silver and blue decor was the shocking pink shirt of Robert Maxwell, who sprawled on the sofa, smiling broadly. He had solved his problem.

It had only arisen on Friday, when Maxwell Communication Corporation launched its $2.35 billion (£1.37 billion) bid for Macmillan Inc, the US publishing house. The chairman, while stressing that his senior managers, including son Kevin, had handled the deal, wanted to give his thoughts to the world. But Mr Maxwell was on holiday, and saw no need to break it. The world had to come to him.

So a hastily collected party, consisting of Mr Maxwell's chief of staff (son Ian), secretary, merchant banker, public relations man and assorted journalists flew two hours each way by Gulfstream jet to Bastia, before being whisked by launch to the multi-million pound yacht, Lady Ghislaine, for a 40-minute press conference and hour-long snoop at the Maxwell holiday lifestyle.

Mr Maxwell seemed subdued about the bid, mindful of the legal pitfalls which have beset British bids in the US. But he was quietly confident, presenting himself as a white knight against the offer from Mr Robert Bass, the Texas corporate raider. "We wish this to be a friendly deal – the synergy is wonderful," he said, adding that he intended to retain Macmillan's management under Mr Edward Evans, the chairman.

"We like Mr Evans and we like his management. He has done extremely well – not quite as well as MCC, but nevertheless, an impressive performance." The $80 share tender offer, he pointed out, requires cash. There would be no rights issue, though MCC gearing would suffer. "We have the resources and always have had. We are offering a fair price: I will not pay a stupid price for it. I am willing to discuss the price."

Mr Maxwell's ebullience returned as the offer document arrived by fax and satellite at the yacht's communication centre. "Have a look at that," he said, throwing a sheet on the table. The man from Samuel Montagu twitched. "I don't think you should do that, sir." "Oh well, perhaps not – how about lunch?" boomed Mr Maxwell.

The Lady Ghislaine had the same impact on picturesque Bastia as a juggernaut on a Cotswold village. Cap'n Bob was keen to show off his floating home, named after his youngest daughter.

He walked on to the forward sun deck and stood alone, gazing towards Elba.

Earlier, he had insisted he would hand over the wheel of the Maxwell empire to his managers and sons by the end of the decade. Looking around, you could see the appeal. But with instant satellite links, the man in the pink shirt would only ever be a phone call away in his electronic exile.

Market on standby for next big acquisition by Unilever



Iain Vallance: better first quarter in sight



Sir Simon Hornby: £72 million expected

TODAY

Unilever, the big Anglo-Dutch food and household products group, reports second-quarter figures. Mr John Mozley at Barclays de Zoete Wedd is forecasting £380 million in pre-tax profits, although other analysts are looking for perhaps £10 million more. This compares with £344 million last time.

The group's followers are expecting some improvement in the US, where Unilever had a difficult first quarter, raising its margarine prices ahead of its competitors (Kraft and Nabisco) and suffering some loss of sales as a consequence.

The North American detergents market is likely to continue to be competitive. But there are also hopes of some upturn in the West German detergent operation.

More significant for the group is the next big acquisition, following the integration of Chesebrough-Pond's, bought at the end of 1986.

The group has said that it is looking at regions where it is currently under-strength, reckoned to be North America, Asia and the Pacific Rim. The next move could also be in the area of personal products such as shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste.

Turbulent currency rates will inevitably affect the half-way figures from **Transport Development Group**. The market would like to see some recovery in the US, where pre-tax profits slipped from £4.45 million to £3.1 million at the year-end.

There should also be some improvement from the Australian operations. Possible question marks over progress are the effect on the cold storage side of declining food intervention stocks at the EEC and of any fall-off in the construction industry workload in the plant hire and steel reinforcement business.

Mr Bob Havard, shipping and transport analyst at James Capel, is looking for £21 million pre-tax from TDG for the six months to end-June, up from £18.19 million last time. The full-year profits should advance from £43.5 million to £48 million and he is going for 1p on the total year's dividend – to 9.5p.

Interims: BSR International, Edinburgh Financial Trust, Noble and Lund, Richardsons, Westgarth, Transport Development Group, Unidare, Unilever (second quarter).

Finals: Oceonics Group, Dudley Jenkins, Regentcrest.

TOMORROW

De Beers Consolidated Mines, now moving into its second century, is poised to announce higher pre-tax profits of R925 million (£222 million), against R639 million and a dividend increased from 27.5 cents to 32.5 cents, according to Dr Eldred Halton of Kleinwort Grieveson.

The group will have benefited from continuing strong demand for rough diamonds sold through its Central Selling Organisation and from last October's 10 per cent increase in the price of rough stones. Sales of diamonds by the CSO were 41 per cent ahead at a record $2,201 million (£1,285 million) in the first six months of this year.

More recently, De Beers imposed a 13.5 per cent price increase, although the effect of this will only be evident in the second half.

Interims: Bardsey, Blagden Industries, De Beers Consolidated Mines, First Scottish American Trust, Fleming Mercantile Investment Trust, Microvitec, Newmarket Company, Plasmec, Rea Brothers Group.

Finals: Gold Fields of Africa.

WEDNESDAY

Standard Chartered, the international bank, catches up with the clearers in reporting its results for the first half. At Salomon Brothers Mr William Vincent is looking for £120 million pre-tax profits, while the Kleinwort Grieveson banking team is forecasting £133 million. The comparable figure for last year, before exceptional items, is £105 million.

Neither expects any improvement on the 12.5p dividend paid last time.

Standard Chartered watchers are still waiting for the bank's rights issue, which could raise £300 million.

WH Smith led by Sir Simon Hornby, the chairman, will announce full-year figures for the 12 months to end-May, with County NatWest looking for £72 million pre-tax, against £62.1 million, although other estimates are for £1 million or so less.

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

The British wholesaling division is expected to register a flat performance. Most of the running should be made by Do-It-All, the DIY operation, WH Smith shops and the Our Price expanding chain.

The former Elsons business in the US, now WH Smith Inc, is not thought to have done particularly well, hit by poor trading and the weak dollar. Analysts will want some news of the group's entry in the confectionery and tobacconists field – a new concept to the Americans – across the Atlantic.

Interims: CCF Group, Charles Baynes, Britannic Assurance, F&C Enterprise Trust, Fife Indmar, Gordon Russell, Merchant Manufactory Estate Co, JN Nichols (Vimto), Standard Chartered, Ward Holdings.

Finals: Gnome Photographic Products, WH Smith, Frank Usher Holdings.

THURSDAY

Amec, the William Press and Fairclough construction group, will report pre-tax profits of about £19 million for the six months to end-June, according to Mr Charles Williams of James Capel. This would compare with £13.1 million last time, a figure depressed by problems on the civil engineering side.

The imponderable factor will be property. This had no effect on profits last year because of the timing of certain disposals but is expected to contribute this time.

The purchase of the outstanding 50 per cent of Fairclough Homes came towards the end of the first half and should have little impact. At the same time Amec raised £83 million for expansion with a rights issue of convertible preference shares.

The insurance reporting season continues with half-way figures from **Royal Insurance**. Barclays de Zoete Wedd is looking for a slight increase from last time's £158.1 million pre-tax profit, with £159 million forecast. However CL-Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank is expecting only £153 million.

Last week the group reported that talks aimed at combining its business with Compagnie Financière du Groupe Victoire, the French investment company, had been broken off. Royal had wanted to exchange shares for control of Abeille, the French group's insurance subsidiary.

British Telecom, led by Mr Iain Vallance, chairman, produces its first-quarter figures. Analysts will be hoping the policy of producing a detailed profits breakdown for the individual businesses, instituted at the last set of figures, will be continued on a quarterly basis.

Warburg Securities is expecting profits of £615 million in the three months to end-June, up from £561 million.

Interims: Amec, Cattle's (Holdings), Consolidated Tern Investments, T Clarke, Johnson Group Cleaners, Liberty Life Association of Africa, North Midland Construction, Ratcliffs (Great Bridge), Rentokil Group, Royal Insurance.

Finals: Aerospace Engineering, British Telecommunications, Louis Newmark, Resort Hotels.

FRIDAY

Anglo American Industrial Corporation, the industrial arm of South Africa's largest mining house, Anglo American Corporation, reports interim figures for the six months to end-June.

Amic could be hard pressed to report much of an advance in interim profits, if only because of the economic and political uncertainties in South Africa. However, in the 1987 annual report the board was forecasting some improvement in attributable earnings, though at a slower rate than that achieved in 1987.

Attributable pre-tax profits for the year ended last December 31 were R566 million (£126 million), up from R448 million the previous year.

Interims: Anglo American Industrial Corporation.

Finals: Flogas.

Martin Waller

GILT-EDGED

A high risk policy for current account deficit

Recent developments suggest that Britain has not sufficiently overcome the problem of strong domestic demand growth being transmitted into growing import and higher prices. While present economic policy will be successful at tackling inflation, the cost will be a deterioration in the current account deficit.

With the Chancellor successfully maintaining the confidence in his policy, the gilts market appears to be reasonably optimistic about longer-term prospects. Notwithstanding the limited supply of gilts, this misplaced optimism is explained by the market focusing solely on two of the encouraging themes in present economic developments.

First, the immediate outlook of a marked pick-up in inflation is likely to be a short-term phenomenon. Demand pressures point to inflation peaking at around 6 per cent in the first quarter of next year. A positive outlook for inflation is then supported by a number of features. The Government is clearly committed to keeping inflation under control. This points to a tight monetary policy being sustained for the rest of the year. Even if higher interest rates push sterling to unsustainable levels, this is likely to be accepted by the Chancellor as necessary to counter the inflationary threat.

The combination of a tighter policy, which should dampen down pay settlements, and continued strong growth in productivity points to a favourable outlook for unit labour costs. This suggests that British inflation can be kept under 4 per cent for a sustainable period.

A second important positive feature in the economy is the improvement that has been witnessed in the supply-side. Industry is in a healthier state than for some time, as is evidenced by productivity, output and profit figures. For instance, as a proportion of gross domestic product, non-oil profits are at their highest level since 1964. As a result, industrial confidence remains high. This should indicate that industry will be better able to cope with a tight monetary policy. More importantly, it implies that there exists scope for industry's revival to continue.

These features are supportive of the long-end of the gilt market. However, it is clear that the current account deficit is not being viewed as a major problem. This is where we believe the market is wrong. Even allowing for a possible upward revision to invisible earnings, the current account deficit is set to reach £12 billion this year. And the outlook is for the deficit to deteriorate to £12.8 billion in 1989 and remain high for some time to come.

A deficit of this size will not only restrain longer-term growth prospects but, if it results in sterling coming under downward pressure, will also pose the biggest threat to the inflationary outlook.

While the deficit has been exacerbated by the strength of the economy this year, underlying structural problems account for the deterioration over the longer-term. The poor manufacturing trade performance is one of the main reasons why the deficit has reached alarming proportions. Evidence of the poor trend is seen by figures showing increased import penetration across all sectors of manufacturing industry. In 1974, imports accounted for 23.3 per cent of home demand in manufacturing; this figure rose to 27.8 per cent in 1981 and by last year was 35.2 per cent.

Both price and non-price factors are important in explaining this movement towards increased import penetration.

Britain does not appear able to produce goods of the right mix or product type that can satisfy strong consumer-led growth. For instance, from 1980 to 1987 consumer spending grew by 24.3 per cent in volume terms, while the volume of consumer-related imports increased by 63.6 per cent.

The inability to produce high quality goods appears to be related to insufficient investment in the British economy. As investment is clearly the key to the whole problem, it is strange that policy has not been more conducive to industry's needs. If investment does not continue on a sustained basis, then the movement towards increased import penetration of the British economy is likely to continue.

In the long-run, Britain will have to have a growth rate consistent with a balance of payments equilibrium. This implies that the long-term outlook is not encouraging for British growth prospects. If policy continues to react to a deficit by attempting to cut domestic demand, then the structural problems that account for the deficit are unlikely to be improved.

The current account deficit points to Britain running down its ownership of overseas assets, or to increased borrowing from aboard. As Britain has accumulated such a large stock of overseas assets, this points to a deficit being sustainable for a number of years. However, the sustained deterioration of the deficit points to Britain having, inevitably, to borrow from overseas. This may then force sterling and interest rates to levels necessary to improve the external constraint, but which are inconsistent with the requirements of the domestic economy.

The risk is that, by not creating an environment in which the current account deficit can improve, sterling is likely to come under downward pressure, raising fears of higher inflation. In fact, the possibility of a run on sterling represents the biggest risk for the outlook for inflation.

And the biggest risk for the outlook for industry is if the authorities then seek to defend such a weakening currency by pushing interest rates to even higher levels. This would clearly have a deflationary influence on economic activity and hence on profit growth, and would hit investment intentions.

These risks inherent in current policy suggest that yields may have to rise further in the short-term. What is clearly needed is a policy to curb consumption while allowing the underlying structural improvement to occur. However, the Chancellor has ruled out measures that would appear necessary, such as credit controls or a tighter fiscal stance. In the absence of these, we would suggest that the large budget surplus should prepare the way for a Budget to aid industry through tax changes that boost investment and not further personal consumption. Until such measures are forthcoming, the structural problems will remain and the market will eventually have to come to terms with them. The longer-term risks are high and we see little scope for yields to fall.

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Expanding P-E Inbucon sets sights on doubled fee income

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

P-E Inbucon, one of Britain's top three management consultancies, is aiming to double its fee income in the next two years through organic growth and is also planning more takeovers.

Some smaller acquisitions, which will be incremental in sectors where P-E Inbucon is already operating, are in the pipeline. One, worth about £3 million, is close to being completed.

The disclosure was made by Mr Len Brooks, managing director, who said: "Another means of growth will be by major acquisition in the range of £15 million to £20 million. We are looking at possibilities."

With the single European market looming, acquisitions in mainland Europe could be a logical extension for the consultancy. It already has a number of European links.



Len Brooks: planning takeovers

ranging from a wholly-owned operation in Holland to various working link-ups, some involving an equity stake, in Spain, West Germany and France.

Mr Brooks said: "The question is whether it will make sense to go for 100 per cent ownership, or smaller stakes, or build up on a consortium basis. But a major acquisition could be European. Certainly, we do need to take more positive steps in Europe."

P-E Inbucon, a quoted company, was created last summer when P-E took over Inbucon, best known for its salary surveys, and fee earnings in the 1987 calendar year were £35.7 million. If Inbucon revenue had been available for the full year, it has been estimated that total earnings would have been £41.5 million.

This year, fee earnings are expected to rise to £50 million, with £100 million targeted after two more years.

There are four core businesses: management consultancy, information technology, computer services and technical services. One of the biggest sources of work is companies preparing for the 1992 single European market. There are some areas in the existing core businesses with greater scope for market penetration, Mr Brooks said.

TEMPUS

Good deeds bring rewards for H&C

Numbers one to four Great Tower Street, for generations the home of Harrisons & Crosfield, the overseas trader and plantation manager, risks gaining the reputation as the Dr Barnardo's of the City of London.

Harrisons & Crosfield has taken in a couple of waifs and strays, or at least businesses which other companies were anxious to be rid of.

And, like the good doctor, the company has discovered that unwanted children can blossom if given the right environment.

The two large businesses to fall into that category are maltings and timber.

The group was already in maltings, but picked up the malting business of Dalgety to strengthen its position. Dalgety did not want to stay in the industry because it was too far from the consumer: Harrisons & Crosfield is relishing every minute as a maltster.

Trade is booming, so much so that the usual summer lay-off at some maltings has been cancelled to meet demand.

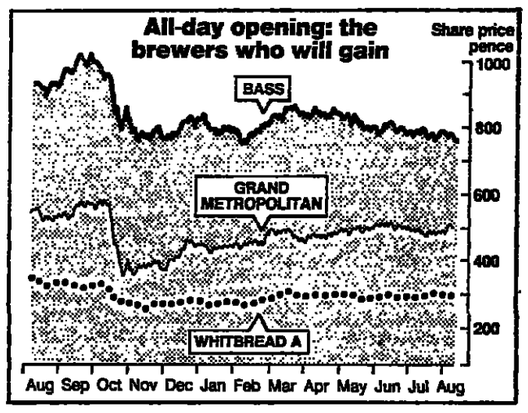
Manning levels have been slimmed down to the extent that at some maltings the barley carries on growing by night watched only by a computer, which is programmed to call the manager out of bed if anything goes wrong.

The timber business is a more recent arrival, having been purchased from Magnet a couple of months ago. It is essentially the old Southern Evans outfit, and will reinforce the group's position in builders merchants.

Within the next month or so, all the outlets are to be rebranded "Harcros" and it is expected that this will lead to increased turnover as customers realize there is a country-wide operation behind what appeared to be local merchants.

In the "out" tray the group has placed one of its tea and rubber estates, selling it on a price/earnings ratio of around 44.

Group earnings are rising strongly this year, and while there is some doubt about the rate of increase in 1989, the rating is modest enough at 11.5 times earnings to take care of the uncertainties.



Wereldhave/ Peachey

Like every first time buyer struggling to put a foot on the property ladder, the Dutch investment group Wereldhave is finding it difficult to establish a bridgehead in the British property market.

By any yardstick, its timing left a lot to be desired. It decided to swoop on Peachey Property Corporation, a company which had outperformed the stock market by 50 per cent and with most of its portfolio tied up in the booming South-east, including the flagship Carnaby Street estate. Not an easy target.

The Dutch, eager to improve the mix of their own international portfolio by acquiring property assets in Britain, failed to thrash out an agreed price with Peachey and, backed by a 10 per cent stake, mounted a hostile bid.

They realized the entry price into the British market was going to be on the high side but so far have been reluctant to pay the sort of premium necessary to gain membership of the club.

Acceptances have been a miserable 0.67 per cent and Wereldhave has now extended its bid until September 8. At the current offer price of 612p cash it has clearly been gazumped by Peachey which, to the surprise of some observers, disclosed a June 24 asset value of 629p a share, 47 per cent higher than the year before. Peachey's share price has continued to hover about 620p.

Wereldhave is insisting that its offer is generous, arguing that the contingent tax liability of 94p should be deducted from the asset value, and has hit back by claiming there is nothing special about Peachey anyway – suggesting there are few high quality buildings in prime locations, that it has only one significant development project under way, and there is little evidence of active portfolio management.

If Wereldhave allows the bid to lapse the strong underlying growth in the property market is likely to reduce the downside risk in the Peachey share price. Cautious shareholders should consider selling in the stock market. Others who believe the Dutchmean business should sit tight and wait for a higher offer – it is the only way Wereldhave will end up owning Carnaby Street.

Breweries

The Scots have been able to indulge in all-day drinking since 1976 and, by all accounts, the English will suffer no ill-effects when they allow pubs to remain open all day.

Nor, it appears, will there be many benefits, apart from the civilizing effect of no longer having to cram as much beer-swilling as possible into the time available – although claims that longer drinking hours reduce drunkenness tend to be met with incredulity.

Longer drinking hours do not necessarily mean increased spending, as it appears customers are more likely to spread their spending over the day.

However, they will mean higher costs as pubs incur higher wages and heating and lighting bills after August 22.

From that date, pubs in England and Wales can stay open from 11am to 11pm, Monday to Saturday.

Beer prices are already due to rise between 3p and 6p a pint at the bar because of higher wages and distribution costs. The extra costs associated with longer hours are also being used as a justification.

Mr Neil Scourse, breweries analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the stockbroker, believes the main beneficiaries will be groups with pubs in the main tourist areas, seaside resorts, provincial towns and, of course, London.

Grand Metropolitan, with a strong south-eastern bias to its managed pubs should be a beneficiary.

He believes that Whitbread could also be well placed to take advantage of all-day opening. It has been successful in developing retail concepts, such as its refurbished Whitbread Inns, where improved surroundings encourage customers to move up to higher-margin products, its Beefeater restaurants and the Pizza Hut chain.

However, the share price implications of longer opening hours will be negligible as the market focuses on the long-awaited Monopolies and Mergers Commission report on tied houses, expected next February.

Meanwhile, Mr Scourse is recommending Whitbread, (on a prospective multiple of 8.6), Grand Metropolitan (10.9), and Bass (9.1). Bass, with its strong brands, is, he believes, well placed to withstand the worst the MMC can throw at the industry.

Telfos/ Runciman

Telfos Holdings and Walter Runciman are not well known, even among the most dedicated stock market followers. So the progress of the £31 million bid by the former for the latter is not keeping the investment community on the edge of its seat.

Neither company has been enlightened in the past about projecting its corporate image. Ironically, Runciman, with by far the smaller institutional following, is the better known.

It has done much to rationalize its business, moving away from the volatile earnings of the spot shipping market towards a stream of more stable earnings from a consortium shipping operation.

Streamlining the business has reduced the workforce and saved costs. Among other things, a lower pension fund contribution has underpinned profits growth from £1.4 million in 1985 to £2.9 million in 1987.

However, the underlying business is picking up, so Runciman's 1988 forecasts of pre-tax profits of £3.8 million and a dividend of 9.5p, up 46 per cent, point to a more genuine recovery.

The dividend forecast for 1989, up 42 per cent, moreover, suggests the 1988 result is not a flash in the pan.

But Telfos, using a classic takeover strategy, spotted the opportunity to pick up Runciman just as its earnings were taking off. As Runciman shares traditionally sold at a discount to the sector, the takeout p/e ratio of 11.6, is not in itself unreasonable.

Telfos's weakness, however, is that its own prospects are not entirely clear, with earnings flat over the past two years at 9p in 1986 and 9.3p in 1987.

The group is, however, still to reap the benefits from the dynamic management style of Joe Malins who took the helm two years ago. Thus, as with Runciman, Telfos' potential has to be taken on trust.

Telfos owns 28 per cent of Runciman's equity and has more supporters standing by.

Runciman can drum up a similar level of support given the family trust holding of 15 per cent and a strong backing from family and friends.

This leaves 20 per cent free, 8.5 per cent of which is held by Scottish Amicable.

It is going to be a close run thing but, given the strong private shareholder base – much of which may be on holiday this week and not in the mood for voting away shares – Runciman may just win the day.

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Aftermath of Gulf war opens the trade door for UK firms

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

British companies could take a substantial share of the vast trading opportunities which will open up as Iran and Iraq start to repair the ravages of war.

The forecast comes from Middle East trade experts as the international race to grab the new trading opportunities gathers momentum.

Iran has invited British companies to take part in a Tehran trade fair, starting on September 13.

Although arrangements are being made at short notice — two to three months preparation for trade fairs is the norm — more than 20 British companies are expected to attend. Among them are likely to be electrical generating machinery makers such as Hawker Siddeley and the General Electric Company (GEC).

The Baghdad Fair later in the year is expected to take about 45 companies to Iraq seeking orders — double the number at the fair last year.

Mr Dennis Cumming, director of the United Kingdom's government-sponsored Committee for Middle East Trade (Comet), said: "With the ending of the war, there will clearly be opportunities for many British concerns. The crucial questions are what priorities the two countries come up with and how much they can afford to do."

And Comet's latest report said: "Of all the major supplying countries, the UK is one of the best placed to benefit from future supply and construction contracts."

Like many leading companies, Mr Cumming believes British interests are likely to do best in Iraq because of the business links that have been maintained during the war and help which has been given, including substantial lines of credit. But there has still been significant trading with Iran even though, as with Iraq, it had fallen well below pre-war levels.

British exports to Iraq last year were worth £270 million compared with a pre-war £623 million in 1981. Britain had 10 per cent of the Iraqi market last year.

UK exports to Iran were worth even more at £300 million for 1987, compared with £400 million in 1981.

The first priority for both countries is expected to be restoration of oil production capacity, where damage to industry is believed to have cost Iran $25 billion (£14.7 billion) and Iraq $8.2 billion (£4.8 billion).

That could bring benefits to British enterprises, which are mostly offshoots of United States concerns. Bechtel UK, for example, is involved in a big petrochemicals development in Iraq, and Fluor (Great Britain) expects early benefits as the oil production problems are tackled.

British engineering consultants, which have a good track record in the Middle East, have been well represented there in the past year especially in Iraq.

Mr Richard Rothwell, the senior partner at Sir William Halcrow and Partners, one of the biggest consultancies, said: "There are schemes which have been mothballed. An example is one in which we are involved for the building of the Baghdad metro system.

"We would expect perhaps in a year's time something is likely to be done about that. We have quite recently been invited to submit proposals for a tunnel at Basra — probably the first swallow from the changed situation."

At WS Atkins, Mr Richard French, the director responsible for transportation engineering, forecast additional work not only in Iran and Iraq but elsewhere in the Gulf, where the effects of the war have held back some schemes. He particularly expects an upsurge in Kuwait.

Two construction companies watching developments closely for possible new business are Costain — which has a 40-year history of work projects in Iran — and Trafalgar House. Both underlined the need to be assured of the safety of personnel before moving into either country. The view was shared by Taylor Woodrow which has had previous work in Baghdad.

There has been a big drop in capital investment in both Iran and Iraq. One analysis by the *Middle East Economic Digest* magazine shows construction contracts last year in Iran down 87 per cent, compared with the year before, while Iraq dropped back 30 per cent.

A recent assessment of prospects in the two countries suggests that because Iran has few international debts it is likely to be able to spend more freely in the early stages of reconstruction.

Iraq's debts will put a premium on financing in any new construction contracts. But the country's own construction industry has been growing and is believed to be capable of undertaking the largest and most complex schemes.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Time is ripe for a new measure of money

As the Bank of England hinted last week, monetary policy has entered a period of wait-and-see. Teams of economists both inside and outside Government will be peering into the statistical haze during the next few weeks to try to see whether, and how quickly, the economy is beginning to respond to the interest rate rises that have occurred since June.

But there is a prior question. Did the Government tighten policy soon enough? If the combination of interest rates and exchange rate had been made more restrictive at an earlier stage could the inflationary "blip" which the economy is now experiencing have been avoided altogether?

With hindsight, the answer must be yes. Interest rates were lowered in pursuit of a coherent counter-inflationary policy built around a stable exchange rate. But the effectiveness of that policy was undermined by the Thatcher-Lawson dispute. Even without that uncertainty the inflation outlook would be better now if the present tighter policy had been introduced earlier.

For a long time decisions on monetary policy have been taken on the basis not just of one indicator but several. Earlier this year, even though bank lending and the broader measures of the money supply were expanding very rapidly, the narrow measure, M0, was still growing slowly and the exchange rate was firm. Growth in the broader measures, it was plausibly argued, largely reflected innovation in financial markets such as the competition between banks and building societies. Markets for the most part accepted this analysis, and it was only when they began to change their minds with the widening deficit in the current account that the Chancellor felt able to tighten policy.

Understandably, Cassandras such as Tim Congdon of Shearson Lehman, who had given warnings that monetary policy was too loose, have been saying: "I told you so."

There is room for endless debate over the precise message which the monetary data are delivering at any particular time. But it can surely be agreed that in our present state of uncertainty it pays to weigh every piece of information available. This being so, the Treasury's continuing resistance to Divisia indices is puzzling.

Divisia was an Italian economist who worked out a system of combining different measures of money in a single index. Each type of deposit in this system is weighted according to the interest rate penalty involved in holding it. Notes and coin have a high weighting, since people will only suffer the interest rate penalty of holding them if they want to use them for spending. Interest-bearing current accounts, however, have a rather lower weight and higher-yielding building society deposits a lower weight still. The advantage of the index is that it automatically takes account of the differing degrees of liquidity of different financial assets. Since increases in the money supply are only inflationary if they are likely to be spent rather than saved, a measure of this kind can be a considerable help in reading the monetary tea leaves.

Peter Spencer of Credit Suisse First Boston has constructed his own index out of the existing data and put it through some clinical trials. To be of any use a monetary measure has to have a relatively stable relationship with the growth of national income and to predict inflation reasonably accurately. The new index appears to be effective on both counts. As with M0, the demand for it is relatively stable, permitting a predictable degree of control through interest rates. Unlike M0, it predicts inflation rather than simply registering it.

One of the drawbacks of M0, which is the only measure the Government now targets, is that because it consists largely of notes and coins, increases only occur when higher spending is already under way. Arguably Mr Lawson would have had earlier warning of this autumn's rise in inflation and would have been more inclined to take action if he had been watching a weighted measure of all the monetary assets in the system rather than concentrating on M0.

The usual argument against inventing a new monetary indicator is one of credibility. If we cannot get along with M0 to M5 is there any point in devising a new one with all its associated "marketing" costs? Given the difficulties of monetary policy and the importance of the end product, control of inflation, the answer is yes. If the man in the street can accept the idea of weighting in the retail price index there is no reason to suppose that the markets will not quickly accept the same principle in the money supply. Similar measures are published regularly by the US Federal Reserve Board and used in its policy decisions.

The next money supply figures are due on Thursday. Bank lending relating to the M4 measure of money has continued to grow rapidly partly because of the rush to beat the August 1 deadline for sharers' tax relief. It may have grown by nearly as much as the £8.9 billion in June. But the annual increase in the narrow measure, M0, is expected to fall back partly because of the big monthly increase a year ago. What should markets make of this diverse information? A weighted index might help them — and the authorities — to reach the right answer

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Clark plans Rohan expansion

By Our Industrial Editor

C&J Clark, the West Country shoe manufacturer, is planning a big expansion of its latest acquisition, the Rohan clothing chain whose products — practical rather than high fashion — are much beloved of entertainers, motor sport personalities, yachtsmen and fast track travellers.

Clark has taken a 65 per cent stake in Rohan, which started making specialist mountaineering clothes such as salopettes (a type of climber's overall) in Yorkshire in 1975. Mr Paul Howcroft, a North countryman who holds the remaining stake in the enterprise which last year had a turnover of about £5 million, is the design mind behind Rohan.

Sales are through mail order and a dozen outlets around Britain, but the Clark plan is to open a Rohan shop in every key town and city in the United Kingdom and important cities in Europe by 1992. The first European outlet, which was already being negotiated by Mr Howcroft before the Clark deal, is likely to be in Milan.

About half of the new UK outlets are likely to utilize existing Clark shops but the rest will mean opening new premises.

Mr Howcroft said: "This will be a big leap forward for Rohan although there is a limit to how big you can get without compromising quality. I never intend to do that. I would like to see Rohan doing in its sector what Laura Ashley has done in theirs."

Mr Howcroft and his design team has already been extending the Rohan range to widen its appeal. By 1990, Mr Howcroft wants to be able to supply what he describes as the complete travel system, from clothes to luggage.

It is the first Clark move into clothing. The company increasingly has been looking for diversifications to generate faster growth. And for Mr Howcroft the link-up with Clark should solve management problems brought on by fast growth.

He said: "All through the Rohan development we could sell all we could make and then some. It has been the same this past year. Now there will be the structure to cope."



Climbing higher: Paul Howcroft, Rohan's design mastermind

Japan set to lend China £3bn

Peking (AFP) — China is ready to sign an agreement with Japan for a loan of 800 billion yen (£3.51 billion) to finance construction projects for 1990-1995, the *China Daily* reported yesterday.

The loan contract will be signed during a visit to China by Mr Noboru Takeshita, Japan's prime minister, which starts on August 25. An agreement on the protection of Japanese investments in China will be signed at the same time.

The loan will be used for construction projects involving telecommunications, railways, power stations, ports, bridges, and roads, the newspaper said.

Japan, China's largest trading partner, had approved government loans worth Y300 billion for 1979-83 and Y470 billion for 1984-9, the China Daily said.

BHP outcome

BHP has resolved a legal tussle with the petroleum group Weeks, after the high court dismissed an application by Oil Basins on behalf of royalty holders for leave to appeal against a ruling about deduction of excise.

European cars suffer in US market

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

As a decline in US sales of cars imported from Europe accelerates, Rolls-Royce and Range Rover may end this year as the only marques to sell more cars than last year.

Range Rover has reached its targets. First year sales were 3,000, and 1,576 registrations in the first half of 1988 suggest it is making steady progress, despite the price.

The vehicle costs more than $33,000 compared with $25,000 for its US-built Jeep rival.

Growing interest in the Bentley marque and a unique position in the market, has helped Rolls-Royce avoid a slump in America this year. The launch of the Bentley Turbo model there next month will be timely. Rover Sterling sales have plummeted and demand for Jaguars in America has slipped back, while Porsche intends to cut back its production for the US market by 25 per cent. But while America is buying fewer expensive European cars, demand for domestic cars is growing. In the first seven months, the overall American car market grew to 6.4 million compared with 6.03 million for the same period of 1987.

By the end of last year sales of European cars in America had slumped more than 10 per cent, with Porsche a massive 22.5 per cent down to 23,632 cars, according to *Automotive News* statistics. BMW and Mercedes each suffered losses of more than 9 per cent. Jaguar blamed poor productivity, not a shortage of customers, for its 1987 sales of 22,919, down from 24,464 in 1986.

In March, as Jaguar's chairman Sir John Egan, announced a 19.7 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £97 million due to the weak dollar, his US sales forecast remained 25,000-plus cars in 1988. That has since been revised down to 23,000 and Jaguar production in 1988 is likely to reach 54,000, not the 56,000 planned.

Jaguar and Porsche were the companies most exposed to the American market when Black Monday struck buyers' confidence.

Rover's American Sterling operation is a source of concern.

The drop in the European import sector came before Sterling was firmly established.

Not surprisingly, when buyer confidence sinks it is the unproven and unestablished models, such as the Sterling, that suffer first.

April saw Sterling sales slide to 546, compared with 1,621 in the same month of 1987. Sales are now hovering at about 700 a month.

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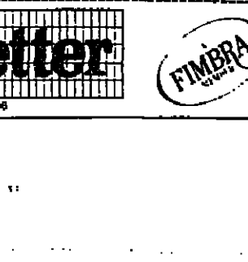
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Broker's changing fortunes

Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the once beleaguered broking firm, has been recruiting staff in earnest. So much so that the number of traders on its UK equities desk has risen from an all-time low of 23 six weeks ago to 33 now — either working there, or signed and sealed but not quite delivered. "There may be a bit of juggling with positions but we are now up to quota," says a spokesman. "We have been gently rebuilding the firm, without blowing our own trumpet, but concentrating instead on providing a service to our clients." Latest to join are ex-Phillips & Drew partner Roger Pearson, who started last week and is in charge of its Scottish desk, and Philip Field, a senior salesman from Smith New Court, who will be joining along with his sidekick Tom Holliday. Also moving to Scrimgeour are Martin Smith, an engineering analyst from County NatWest WoodMac and John Woolman, also a County man. Woolman had been a retailing analyst but switched to the food sector when Robert Brand departed for BZW. He will, I'm told, be reverting back to retailing with Scrimgeour.

Post haste

Roger Pearson is not the only ex-Phillips & Drew partner to have found work so fast. Among the half-dozen or so released from their golden handcuffs just a month ago, two others — Peter Caulkett and David Harrold — have also landed on their feet. Caulkett, who had specialized in smaller companies, is joining McCaughan Dyson Capel Cure at the end of this month as a generalist senior salesman, while Harrold — who had been with P&D for 26 years and was, like his colleagues, given just 20 minutes to clear his desk — has been snapped up by Smith New Court as a senior executive on its sales side. "I was fired at 5pm on the Friday and had an interview with Smith's at 8.30 on the Monday morning," he says. Harrold, who has managed to keep his company Mercedes with its DJH 1 number plate, has been making the most of his enforced period of rest. Just back from a family holiday in Turkey he is now planning a week surfing in Cornwall before starting with SNC in mid-September.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Stamp of a firm's car

The record-breaking rush for all those F registration cars has brought a ray of humour from, of all places, the pages of the *New Scientist*, which attempts to differentiate between privately-owned and company cars. Company cars, it has discovered, travel faster in all gears, including reverse, accelerate faster and need much shorter braking distances. They have floors shaped like ashtrays, require much less maintenance and can be driven for up to 100 miles with no oil pressure. They have tyres unaffected by driving over kerbstones and all strange engine noises can be treated by manipulation of the volume control on the radio. They have, it seems, just one drawback: they run only on petrol sold with the greatest number of free stamps.

● The latest buzzphrase doing the rounds of management consultancy is, with 1992 and all that, TQ (Total Quality). This is slang for getting everything exactly right, from original design to when the product lands with its user.



"I'm going to be an insider dealer with the NatWest when I grow up."

Burns bails out

Cricket fan Roy Burns has retired from Hoare Govett, the broker, in time to watch the Scarborough Cricket Festival, which this year will feature the Stock Exchange Cricket Club. His son Ian, aged 24, and a market-maker at Warburg Securities, is treasurer of the club, which will play a Yorkshire XI on August 30. "It will be the first time I've watched the entire tournament," says a happy Burns, aged 53. Burns, who left Hoare Govett Securities — where he had been a director — a week ago, after 13 years, also plans to spend more time watching his youngest son Neil, aged 22, the Somerset wicket-keeper batsman. "I gave up playing myself when I was 30," says Burns, who started as a blue button on the floor at 20. "But I still umpire occasionally for the Stock Exchange club." Although Burns was sorry to leave his colleagues, he is not too unhappy at the prospect of leaving the Square Mile. 'Stockbroking is not the fun it once was," he says. "I've only been gone a week and I've already been approached by two City firms. But I've told them that I want to enjoy a life of leisure a little longer."

● Among the 12 futures businesses which have been refused membership of the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers was one which had applied to all four self-regulating organizations. In its application to The Securities Association, it gave as its telephone number the number of a coin box at Ascot racecourse.

Carol Leonard

USM REVIEW

EPS marks return with MGM coup

By Carol Leonard and Michael Clark

Shares in **Entertainment Production Services**, the audio and video tape distributor, are due to return from suspension today.

The shares, placed four years ago at 58p, were suspended at 27½p on April 22. Their return follows the approval by shareholders last week of the reverse takeover by International Media Communications, a company which makes most of its money by distributing America's National Geographical Society nature documentaries on video in Britain.

IMC also distributes consumer electronic products developed by Rabbit Systems Inc, of California, which is jointly developing a personal video cassette player for use on long-haul aircraft.

EPS also announced two important marketing deals on Friday. One gives it exclusive European rights to use the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer name and lion logo on selected video and audio products; the other sole European rights to the Worldwide Television News Library.

Mr Patrick Dobson, chairman of EPS, said the company planned to use the MGM name and logo on its own range of blank video cassettes.

"We believe this is the first time that MGM has entered into a licensing agreement of this nature," he said.

The news library deal would, he said, complement the company's existing library of National Geographical Society titles.

Merchant Manufactory Estate Co has hardly covered itself in glory since its April USM float.

It came to market via an offer for sale of 11 million shares at 93p each, valuing the entire company at £25.67 million. But it received a lukewarm reception from fund managers and only 34.2 per cent of the shares were taken up. In the four months since then, little has happened to offer encouragement to those who took up the shares. But that may soon change.

MMEC has been active in the property market since 1984. It was created to invest in high yielding commercial properties by the founders Mr Mark Keegan, chairman, and Mr Paul de Savary, managing director and brother of Mr Peter de Savary, the LandLeisure chairman.

Since then, it has expanded into the residential property market and this is expected to make up the bulk of profits next year. In the past four years, group pre-tax profits have risen spectacularly – from £14,000 to £2.1 million.

Analysts are already looking for pre-tax profits of £3.65 million for 1988, but whispers in the market place claim the group is capable of turning in a much better performance. With a prospective p/e of less than eight, the shares look far from expensive.

One company which is hoping to make the move soon from the Third Market to the USM is Crown Eyeglass, which makes and distributes spectacles through its 86 outlets. Crown made its debut on the third tier in May last year at 125p.

Mr Joe Lee, the chairman, told shareholders at the group's annual meeting in Blackburn on Friday that the group had moved into its new factory designed to boost capacity and improve efficiency. Last week, Mr Lee also played host to a number of institutional investors. He appears to have made a favourable impression.

Brokers expect pre-tax profits for the year to March, 1989, to grow from £226,000 to £325,000.

Deadline nears on BP

Investors who bought shares in the BP flotation last October have until the end of the month to pay the second instalment.

Call notices have been sent out to holders of the partly-paid shares telling them that payment of 105p per share must be received by 3pm on August 30.

The third and final payment is due at the end of April, but the Treasury said people who missed the deadline for the second instalment could lose their stock and any entitlement to bonus shares.

The sell-off of the Government's 31 per cent stake in the oil company was expected to be the high-water mark of the privatization programme and the 330p asking price held out the prospect of a bargain.

But the issue clashed with the October stock market collapse and was shunned by all but a hard core of long-term investors.

They had to pay 120p for the first instalment and those who have remained loyal to the company have seen their investment halved over the past 10 months. On Friday, the partly-paid BP shares were trading at 59½p.

The Treasury said that any holder of BP shares who had not received a call notice by August 8 should contact the National Westminster Bank, Registrar's Department, PO Box 472, Consort House, the Lombard Centre, East Street, Bristol BS99 1NW, or phone (0272) 306-666 between 8.30am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, and 8.30am to 2pm on Saturdays.

US NOTEBOOK

Vision of brighter future despite rise in interest rates

From Maxwell Newton, New York

The devastation caused in the bond market by last week's discount rate rise was substantially greater than that of last September when the Fed also raised this visible rate one half point.

The 30-year bond has dropped three points; last time it was two points. The level of gloom in bonds has risen even higher.

Borrowers and lenders alike are concentrating hard on the short end of the fixed income spectrum. Of course, this is indicative of a situation where both lenders and borrowers expect interest rates to fall. But do not try to persuade anyone on Wall Street to believe such a forecast.

For banks, lending money at the capital Federal Funds rate – now 8 1/16 to 8⅛ per cent, the highest capital funds rate since the close of 1985 – is a very good idea.

They are making good money on doing so by simply wiring deposit money into the Federal Funds system and collecting more than 8 per cent on overnight cash for filling out a wire form.

Institutions with cash can make 8.10 per cent by lending 30-day money to General Motors Acceptance Corporation (or any other reputable finance company).

But GMAC is paying only 7.85 per cent for 270-day money – an indication of its interest rate forecast.

The yield curve is going into reverse. This move to flatness, and even into negative territory, means borrowers and lenders do not expect the sharp increase in short-term interest rates to last.

No doubt there will be a further rise in short-term rates before the present crisis ends. A prime rate of 10½ per cent or even 11 per cent within a month or two is not inconceivable

However, some contrary thinkers refuse to concede total victory to the bond bears.

Mr Stan Salvigsen, a principal of Comstock Partners, who recently floated a successful $1 billion bond fund, on July 29 gave a chilling perspective to the crumbling American market in residential and commercial property.

"Since the publication of our last Quarterly Investment Strategy Review, the fixed income markets have been subject to a relentless stream of disquieting background data," he said.

"The Commodity Research Bureau (futures) index has posted its sharpest advance in a year. GNP has been revised to show much more vigorous growth over the past several quarters than we previously believed; central banks across the globe have raised the level of short-term rates more dramatically than in the period immediately preceding the October 1987 market decline; unemployment is at its lowest level in more than a decade; and factory operating rates have reached new highs for the post-1982 business cycle.

"Despite the foregoing, long-term bond rates are little changed from their levels of mid-May. And the annual momentum (year-to-year percentage change) of nominal GNP appears to be past peak levels despite on-going quarter to quarter strength.

"Since the beginning of the decade, peaks in the annual momentum of nominal GNP have been a good signal that the long-term rate of interest has also reached a peak.

"We continue to operate under the assumption that the bond market reached a cyclical low in the fourth quarter of 1987 and began another leg in its secular bull market.

"The current consolidation should lead us to a resumption of the bull market trend before the leaves begin to turn" (in the northern autumn).

West End rents 'set to soar'

By Cliff Feltham

West End office rents could soon start to catch up with the sky-high prices being demanded in the City of London, according to a survey.

Weatherall Green & Smith, the surveyor, says there is only 6.5 million sq ft of development space available in the West End compared with 30 million in the City.

This pressure on demand could force West End rents up to match the City's current level of £60 a sq ft.

The survey suggests as both West End and City firms become less concerned with historic locations, they will seek accommodation elsewhere so that by the 1990s there could be a "single central London office market".

Until June this year the property market outperformed the stock market, showing returns of 28.69 per cent compared with a 12.65 per cent fall in equities.

The survey says that property's strong performance is set to continue this year.

"Investor confidence has been encouraged by recent good results and, due to this and to the poor showing of equities, investment institutions are tending to increase their weighting in property."

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
7 365,000	A & M Gp	12	-1	..	..	44.4
29.1m	ASD	413	+10	13.0	3.1	11.6
7,523,000	ATA Selection	63	..	2.5	4.0	14.9
20.5m	Aber Am Pet	31	..	..	..	..
9,360,000	Aberdeen Str Hse	78	●-2	2.0	2.6	18.7
	Access Satellite			4.4 f	..	..
17.2m	Acma Comp	26	..	..	..	24.9
27.8m	Acsa Group	78	..	..	..	..
15.7m	Acrospring	172	-18	8.6	3.8	10.7
3,191,000	Allied Ins	101	+4	5.5	5.4	11.0
9,121,000	Ald Restaurants	170	..	11.6	2.3	..
44.8m	Amar Bus Sys	120	-6	2.3	1.9	53.1
11.6m	Amber	198	-5	4.8	2.4	16.2
42.3m	App Holographics	302	-5	..	..	..
114.8m	Aran Energy	71	-5	..	..	72.4
38.5m	Arrowcast	276	-5	5.3	1.9	17.4
55.8m	Aspen Comms	535	..	7.0p	1.3	23.5
168.7m	Asprey	316	●-2	6.3	2.0	14.9
4,847,000	Assoc Energy	70	..	..	..	72.9
6,882,000	Assoc Nursing	138	..	2.7b	2.0	17.7
17.2m	Atlantic Sec	85	..	..	..	..
19.5m	Atlas Equipment	242	+2	9.6	4.0	13.1
6,731,000	Automagic	116	..	8.9	7.5	18.0
9,272,000	BBB Design	40	..	2.0	5.0	9.7
9,515,000	BCE	34	..	1.3	3.8	30.9
3,911,000	BTS Grp	76	..	5.7	7.5	48.4
10.4m	BWD	111	..	..	..	..
2.5m	Bacamoco	260	-5	7.6	2.9	16.1
4,038,000	Bedford (William)	85	..	6.4	7.5	7.9
6,530,000	Bensons Crisps	88	+2	1.1	1.3	17.3
3,700,000	Berry Birch & Noble	95	..	5.0	5.3	9.6
9,272,000	Bibby Stockbrokers	117	..	9.8	8.0	14.6
6,445,000	Bio Isolates	37	..	..	..	..
9,963,000	Biomechanics	27	..	..	..	..
4,812,000	Blanchemex	78	-6	..	..	11.3
67.4m	Blenheim Exhib	669	..	7.3	1.2	50.3
23.9m	Bluebird Toys	287	..	8.5	3.0	11.5
12.3m	Bonded Laminates	137	-10	4.3	3.1	20.1
3,542,000	Border TV	351	+5	2.0	5.7	9.0
152.7m	Borland	107p	+5	..	..	19.1
7,295,000	Breamaker	141	..	..	..	..
7,297,000	Br Bloodstock	213	●-2	11.7	5.5	21.7
17.8m	Br Island	99	-1	2.7	2.7	11.4
57.1m	Br Polythene	127	-7	7.0	5.5	53.7
68.6m	Brookmount	530	●+25	7.0	1.3	17.3
	Buts Resources	4½	..	..	..	..
41.8m	Burford	340	-5	0.4	0.1	84.5
11.9m	CCA Publications	100	..	..	..	..
18.7m	CCF	140	..	4.1	2.9	8.9
24.5m	CML Micro	143	..	1.9	1.3	16.3
10.8m	CPU Comp	93	..	..	..	18.4
19.5m	CSL Corp	96	..	2.9	3.1	18.4
353,000	Cairn Energy	245	..	..	..	..
	Caledonian	50	..	..	..	..
8,610,000	Camotech	121	..	3.3	2.7	34.0
21.4m	Cap & Regional	171	..	0.4	0.3	45.5
16.1m	Carron Phoenix	145	..	4.7	3.2	..
9,089,000	Castle Comm	238	..	9.6	4.0	16.8
21.7m	Catalyst	94	..	0.1	0.2	13.2
9,600,000	Central Motor	96	..	3.3b	3.4	13.2
51.0m	Chancery	270	+15	8.0	3.0	15.9
14.6m	Chelsea Man	135	●-3	3.9	2.9	14.7
1,804,000	Cider	111p	..	..	..	7.8
3,107,000	Circaprint	135	..	2.6	1.9	8.8
7,541,000	City of Lon	98	..	..	..	..
30.7m	Clayvision	79	..	0.7	0.9	31.9
12.3m	Clarke Hooper	148	●..	4.0	2.7	11.9
5,564,000	Clogau Gold	92	..	..	..	..
47.3m	Cluff Resources	102	..	..	..	..
14.1m	Coated Electrodes	55	+5	1.9	3.5	23.9
21.1m	Cobra Emerald	75	..	..	..	..
2,444,000	Colorgen Inc	22	..	..	..	..
25.6m	Colorgraphic	233	-7	6.0	2.6	18.9
49.5m	Colourvision	370	●-10	5.7	1.5	34.3
10.9m	Co of Designers	86	-2	2.9	3.4	10.4
8,869,000	Como Financial	203	+3	6.4	3.2	14.9
13.1m	Compsoft	50	..	..	..	8.4
	Comply Pet	58	-1	..	..	..
25.9m	Com Term Invs	58	..	..	..	39.9
9,068,000	Contl Microwave	170	..	4.0	2.4	13.5
41.9m	Cook (DC)	173	-6	3.9	2.3	24.0
13.8m	Copymore	128	..	2.7	2.1	15.6
24.5m	Corporate Prop	69	..	1.0	1.5	34.3
23.8m	Corton Bch	73	-1	0.7	1.0	12.5
11.2m	Cramphorn	390	●..	5.0	1.3	26.0
7,111,000	Cranbrook	72	..	0.7	1.0	36.3
6,334,000	Cranswick	76	+3	7.4	6.0	12.4
4,363,000	Craton Lodge	76	..	3.3	4.3	10.6
15.1m	Creighton Labs	413	●-5	7.2	1.7	17.4
21.4m	Crown Cont.	127	+5	..	..	..
5,569,000	Dawes (DV)	109	..	5.5	5.2	8.3
12.3m	Dean & Bowes	156	-12	5.5	3.5	18.4
4,014,000	Delmar	57	..	3.1	5.4	10.4
7,437,000	Denmans Elec	173	●-3	5.1	3.2	10.8
53.5m	Dewey Warren	122	..	..	..	8.2
35.3m	Dolphin Packaging	183	+3	2.7	1.5	..
24.6m	Druck	397	+3	7.4	1.9	15.8
11.2m	Dunson	38	+3½	0.8	2.1	23.8
5,069,000	Dudley Jenkins	116	..	..	..	..
8,302,000	Durham (DG)	69	-2	..	..	..
9,737,000	Eade	54	+4	2.0	3.7	28.1
11.6m	Eaking Elect Optics	111	-2	2.1e	1.9	82.2
	Ecobric	24	-2	..	..	..
11.6m	Econ Forestry	81	..	4.0	4.9	11.7
3,599,000	Edin Oil & Gas	30	+1	..	..	75.0
40.5m	Elbridge Pope 'A'	528	..	11.0	2.1	21.7
24.6m	Electron House	144	●-1	6.0	4.2	11.3
8,839,000	Entertainment Prod	37½	..	..	..	12.3
22.9m	Evered	190	..	6.4	4.0	13.5
13.5m	Eve Group	156	●..	8.0	5.1	8.7
9,957,000	Expedair Leisure	143	..	..	..	..
84.4m	Expleisure Hldgs	48	-1	..	..	..
14.5m	F & H Group	62	..	..	..	14.5
	Fairhaven Intl	15½	..	..	..	..
4,740,000	Fairway London	80	-1	3.3	5.5	10.1
6,172,000	Feedback	73	●..	3.3	4.5	19.4
	Feltrim Mining	48	+1	..	..	..
3,819,000	Fenadrive	14½	..	..	..	7.9
78.0m	Fields (Mrs)	52	..	..	..	..
20.0m	Finlax	140	..	4.5	3.2	13.5
75.7m	Firstland	44	..	..	..	..
211.5m	Fenchel Dennys	40	-1	..	..	9.3
10.5m	Flexech	48	..	..	..	..
34.9m	Floges	200	-10	..	..	..
15.3m	Floyd Energy	26	+½	..	..	..
98.1m	Ford Sheppard	122	-4	2.7	2.3	17.8
13.7m	Forward Gp	190	+5	3.7	1.9	17.1
12.8m	Freeman Gp	225	+4	9.3	4.1	11.8
21.1m	French Conn	133	+3	7.2	5.4	8.7
73.2m	Fuller Smith 'A'	610	●+20	8.0	1.3	20.8
7,331,000	Gen Cable Gp	495	..	..	..	..
5,666,000	GC Flooring	80	..	2.7	4.5	11.1
19.6m	Gabbaco	143	..	4.8	3.4	12.5
8,680,000	Gardner (DC)	195	-7	2.7	1.7	17.8
7,222,000	Gibbs Lyons	180	+5	9.0	5.0	13.5
16.4m	Gibbs Mew	298	..	6.0	2.0	17.7
5,473,000	Global Gp	83	..	4.1	4.9	11.0
4,915,000	Godwin Warren	83	+2	2.9	3.5	25.2
29.0m	Goodhead Print	225	+12	5.5	2.4	17.7
11.3m	Granyte Surface	61	..	..	4.9	11.4
22.9m	Great Southern	232	-3	8.0	3.4	15.7
16.5m	Green (Ernest)	215	-1	5.8	2.7	15.8
2,800,000	Greenwich Cable	40	..	..	..	..
14.4m	Guidehouse	61	..	1.3	2.1	15.9
22.5m	Halls Homes	215	..	5.1	2.4	28.7
8,982,000	Hampden Homecare	90	-1	2.5	2.8	11.0
10.5m	Hanpkey Walker	165	+1	..	..	18.7
15.3m	Harmony Leisure	59	+1	0.2	0.3	38.8
12.0m	Hathera Estates	160	..	3.1	1.9	..
85.0m	Hawthorn Lacke	46½	-½	0.3	0.6	46.5
11.5m	Hearth Care	76	●+6	1.3	1.7	15.2
3,867,000	Heavitree	745	..	16.5	2.2	20.1
7,167,000	Do 'A' LV	650	..	16.5	2.4	18.3
8,531,000	Hewetson	130	+7	4.0	3.2	11.5
11.7m	Hey & Croft	156	..	4.0	2.2	11.5
89.0m	Highland Pant	246	+7	..	..	54.4
6,005,000	Hills Ergonom	53	..	2.9	5.5	13.7
12.3m	Hobson	36	●-1	1.3	3.6	13.4
44.7m	Hodgson	223	●..	9.0	4.0	15.8
4,440,000	Hodgson Tech	148	..	3.0	2.0	34.4
13.3m	Honeysuckle Gp	165	-5	6.6	3.4	15.7
15.8m	Hornby	195	+2	3.5	2.1	13.5
76.3m	Hughes Food	94	..	4.1	2.1	18.4
7,000,000	Hughes (HT)	103	+3	..	..	23.8
8,987,000	Humbrol Elec	230	..	..	..	..
6,097,000	Hunleigh Tech	233	..	9.7	1.0	93.5
3,821,000	INSTEM	88	..	3.4	4.0	17.5
	Imperial Storage	8½	-½	..	..	1.1
5,674,000	Imsec	81	..	..	..	..
4,686,000	InfraRed	71	..	..	..	86.5
41.3m	Inoco	82	..	..	..	23.8
6,386,000	Insurance Tech	123	..	8.8	7.2	5.3
55.2m	Interlink Express	340	-15	9.3	2.7	18.0
20.3m	Israel (Jack L)	24½	●	0.8	3.3	14.3
4,558,000	JMH Group	166	+25	..	..	11.3
36.0m	Jacques Vert	382	..	11.6	3.0	13.7
2,240,000	Jebsens	14	..	..	..	0.5
15.5m	Johnson Fry	115	-5	5.7	5.2	11.9
11.0m	Jones Stevens Pants	105	-1	6.4	6.1	9.4
13.6m	JSS Sec	260	+5	4.4	1.7	25.1
6,000,000	Just Rubber	80	+9	2.8	3.5	12.3
44.4m	Kenyon Secs	248	●-5	9.0	3.6	19.5
107.2m	Kewill Systems	180	●-4	3.6	2.0	19.8
6,378,000	Kinetic Technol	91	..	7.8	4.5	9.0
10.6m	Knotts & Knockers	128	●+1	2.7	2.1	16.5
43.4m	Kurlon	44½	-1	4.1	4.1	12.7
6,461,000	LPA Ind	91	..	4.0	4.3	14.1
9,714,000	Ladbw Thomson	142	..	6.6	4.6	11.9
23.9m	LBMS Plc	197	●-5	2.0	1.2	19.5
20.2m	Lawmar	85	..	3.5	4.2	10.2
7,008,000	Lincoln Hse	71½	..	5.7	3.5	21.4
10.3m	Lindsay Tjaan	150	-1	5.7	3.8	26.3
9,528,000	Lon & Clydesde	105	..	7.6	7.2	12.2
178.0m	Lon Forfaiting	178	..	8.9	5.1	10.4
5,555,000	Lonestar Pet	23	-½	..	..	..
7,844,000	M5 Cash & Carry	91	+1	5.2	5.7	12.6
17.0m	MMT Comp	168	..	1.7	1.0	24.6
13.4m	MTL Instruments	76	..	..	..	11.9
12.4m	McLaughlin & Har	305	-5	11.0	3.6	13.9
11.4m	Macallan Materials	65	-1	4.0	6.2	8.6
6,952,000	Maiesnet	160	+3	3.0	1.7	24.9
11.0m	March Gp	93	-2	2.1	2.3	10.0
61.6m	Marco Dev	213	+8	7.8	3.7	45.4
28.3m	Martin (Ronald)	255	-3	6.0	2.4	19.0
2,310,000	Maxprint	21	-1	..	..	..
15.6m	Maybom	81	-2	4.8	5.9	10.0
4,595,000	Memory Comp	18½	-1	..	..	11.1
2,553,000	Meragon Intl Hldgs	23	..	..	..	1.5
28.9m	Menner-Swan	262	+2	5.3	2.0	16.8
20.1m	Merchant Mard Est	73	..	..	..	..
15.5m	Merrydale Wste	358	+5	8.0	2.2	16.2
11.4m	Metal Bulletin	130	+5	6.7	5.2	15.6
19.4m	Metsec	152	-1	4.4	2.9	14.9
13.3m	Microlec	131	+1	..	n ..	15.0
	Microsystems	223	●-2	4.2	1.9	10.2
11.1m	Micromec	41	..	2.1	5.1	12.4
30.2m	Miller & Sanehouse	455	-5	3.9	0.8	56.9
11.4m	Millwood Brown	163	-4	4.4	2.7	13.6
6,201,000	Miss World	318	..	11.9	3.5	13.4
43.7m	Misys	370	-2	4.3	1.2	24.6
12.5m	Mokena Visions	107	..	..	..	43.4
16.2m	Morris & Crane	197	●	4.3	4.2	13.8
152.4m	Mosgrave	197	..	..	2.5	13.5
5,895,000	Morris Ashby	196	..	5.5	5.5	8.6
7,829,000	Morris Ashby	196	..	5.5	5.5	8.6
26.0m	Mowlem	135	..	4.1	3.4	13.7
8,112,000	Mulberry	135	..	..	..	25.9
27.4m	New England Props	135	..	..	..	..
265.0m	Do 10½	135	..	1000	10.5	..
17.8m	Newage Trans	152	●	4.6	3.2	13.3
37.5m	Norbolt House	156	..	2.0	1.3	..
4,573,000	Norbain	53	..	..	..	..
25.1m	Nor Sea & Gen	110	..	2.7	2.5	13.3
10.3m	Northumbrian Fire	115	..	..	..	12.8
6,127,000	OIS	86	..	..	..	..
	Opsonetics	2½	..	..	..	..
9,088,000	Orchid Tech	168	..	6.7	2.5	14.3
18.5m	Osborne & Lote	258	..	7.7	3.0	14.5
5,413,000	PCT	152	..	1.7	3.5	13.5
21.5m	PML	49	..	..	..	..
4,244,000	Pacer Systems	258	..	2.7	0.9	44.4
36.1m	Pacific Sales	198	..	1.8	0.7	23.9
60.4m	Parkway	240	..	..	..	..
3,251,000	Pathfinders	29	..	0.4	1.8	18.3
6,049,000	Payton	9	..	..	..	5.7
16.3m	Pegasus	363	..	5.6	1.8	19.8
79.3m	Pete Group	340	..	6.0	1.8	13.9
2,325,000	Pencom	90	..	..	..	15.5
13.3m	Penns Foods	90	..	2.5	2.8	25.8
12.0m	Personal Computer	248	..	..	2.3	18.1
19.8m	Peters (Michael)	150	..	4.5	3.0	14.9
1,217,000	Petrogen	10	..	..	..	..
5,840,000	Piccadilly Radio	123	..	5.7	3.2	11.9
28.1m	Pict Pet	111	..	..	..	15.1
4,186,000	Plasmec	91	..	3.8	4.2	12.8
4,896,000	Platon	59	..	2.5	5.8	21.1	18.8
34.4m	Plym Hldgs	215	..	..	..	12.8
10.6m	Polyech Marine	118	..	..	..	6.5
6,309,000	Prism Leisure	136	●	6.0	4.4	11.5
29.5m	Psion	134	..	..	..	..
18.1m	Property Trust	118	..	..	..	..
22.0m	Prospective	76	..	..	..	..
13.5m	Quarto	114	..	4.5	3.1	13.5
6,845,000	Quessel	105	..	3.7	3.0	20.0
37.2m	RNF	105	..	..	..	9.6
4,270,000	Radio City 'A'	196	●	6.0	3.1	19.2
11.4m	Radio Clyde	196	..	5.0	2.0	42.1
37.2m	Radius	195	●	8.8	9.3	6.3
4,329,000	Ramco Oil	36	..	..	..	..
6,084,000	Ramus	147	..	6.9	6.5	7.5
119.3m	Randsworth	186	..	7.4	3.8	19.2
5,670,000	Real Time Control	81	..	2.7	3.3	15.3
11.2m	Regma Health	57	..	0.4	0.6	43.2
14.1m	Reliance Sec	137	..	6.3	4.6	12.7
3,455,000	Reliant Motor	39	..	..	..	15.9
8,826,000	Resort Hotels	85	..	..	..	..
4,353,000	Rohe & Nolan	168	..	5.6	3.3	13.2
16.3m	Roshel	124	..	5.4	4.4	12.8
6,396,000	Rural Planning	100	..	5.3	5.2	10.2
20.6m	SAC	101	..	..	..	9.6
9,800,000	SEP Intl	30	..	..	..	..
6,518,000	Sanders Schley	140	..	8.0	5.7	13.0
13.1m	Sanderson Elec	158	..	..	..	..
99.2m	Savage	177	..	..	..	..
78.6m	Scot Heritable	199	..	6.9	3.5	16.8
12.7m	Sec Archives	203	..	2.4	1.2	19.9
40.4m	Select App	206	-10	3.3	1.6	22.3
2,470,000	SelecTV	18	..	..	..	..
	Semi Cowells	158	..	..	..	..
85.9m	Sewerage-Reave	184	..	..	..	..
8,930,000	Sharp & Law	185	-10	4.7	2.2	18.6
32.0m	Sheldon Jones	222	-3	6.4	6.9	12.3
3,724,000	Sheldon (Martin)	63	+2	2.7	4.1	15.1
3,300,000	Sheraton Comp	213	+5	6.2	2.9	8.9
12.9m	Sherwood Group	455	+5	6.2	1.5	16.5
54.2m	Sherwood Group	105	+3	4.0	3.8	16.9
21.9m	Shield	105	..	4.0	3.8	16.6
17.3m	Shiraldian	146	●+9	..	..	19.3
3,651,000	Shorco	149	-1	5.1	3.4	13.9
55.6m	Sierra Catering	418	●+15	9.2	2.2	20.7
34.7m	Sinclair (William)	465	-15	8.5	1.8	17.3
15.4m	Smallbone	126	..	4.1	3.2	11.5
5,100,000	Soundtracks	61	●..	6.8	1.9	16.4
2.5m	Stnp Bus	352	●-2	..	..	19.3
8,335,000	Sw Resources	98	..	2.7	2.9	25.8
4,650,000	Space Planning	93	..	2.7	2.7	19.9
39.3m	Spandex	376	-5	..	..	..
6,327,000	Spectrum	36	-1	..	..	..
9,912,000

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin today. Dealings end September 2. §Contango day September 5. Settlement day September 12.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Marshalls (Halifax)	Building,Roads	
2	Securicor	Industrials S-Z	
3	Church	Drapery,Stores	
4	Tyne Tees TV	Leisure	
5	Marling	Industrials L-R	
6	Chemring	Industrials A-D	
7	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
8	Pittard Garner	Shoes,Leather	
9	Memec	Electricals	
10	Edbro	Industrials E-K	
11	Dale Elec	Electricals	
12	Wear	Industrials S-Z	
13	Macfarlane	Industrials L-R	
14	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
15	Fralan Gp	Building,Roads	
16	Cater Allen	Banks,Discount	
17	Campari	Leisure	
18	Sterling Ind	Industrials S-Z	
19	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
20	Devenish (JA)	Breweries	
21	Dencora	Property	
22	Merivale Moore	Property	
23	Ocean Transport	Shipping	
24	Caledonia	Shipping	
25	Noble & Lund	Industrials L-R	
26	Park Foods	Foods	
27	Lister	Textiles	
28	Scantronic	Electricals	
29	Falcon	Industrials E-K	
30	Bank Of Scotland	Banks,Discount	
31	Relyon	Industrials L-R	
32	Black (A&C)	Newspapers,Pub	
33	Church Charles	Building,Roads	
34	Strong & Fisher	Shoes,Leather	
35	NMC Group	Industrials L-R	
36	England (J)	Foods	
37	Treat	Building,Roads	
38	Br Aerospace (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
39	Atlantic Comp	Electricals	
40	Wilding Office	Drapery,Stores	
41	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
42	Copson PLC	Building,Roads	
43	Leigh	Chemicals,Plus	
44	Richardson West	Industrials L-R	

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BREWERIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,096.2m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	423	+1	17.3	4.1	12.6
2,552.2m	Bass (aa)	776	+10	28.9	3.5	11.9
121.2m	Belhaven	65	+1	1.4	2.2	25.4
164.7m	Boddington	188	+2	5.4	3.2	17.4
25.8m	Buckleys	160	..	4.4	2.8	49.4
69.2m	Belmar (H P)	172	+3	6.7	5.1	11.0
36.0m	Burtonwood Brew	176	+5	4.2	2.4	18.9
33.3m	Clark (Matthew)	373	..	14.7	3.9	10.2
137.0m	Devenish (JA)	348	+7	4.0	1.2	30.5
274.0m	Greenall Whitley	242	-1	6.3	2.6	13.6
198.8m	Greene King	474	..	9.9	2.1	21.1
2,975.5m	Guinness (aa)	525	-5	12.8	2.4	19.7
30.4m	Hardys & Hansons	780	-5	30.0	3.9	14.2
144.7m	Highland Dist	117	-5	5.5	3.9	18.3
66.3m	Invergordon Distr	297	+1	7.9	2.7	17.9
180.2m	Irish Dist	288	+16	..	..	..
136.5m	Marston Thompson	157	-2	3.9	2.5	18.1
56.8m	Morland	873	+52	10.9	1.6	26.7
773.8m	SA Breweries	356	..	..	..	..
1,304.9m	Scot & New (aa)	357½	+3½	12.2	3.4	17.6
333.3m	Vaux Grp	705	-5	21.6b	3.1	21.5
1,255.5m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	362	-5	14.1	4.7	11.2
77.5m	Do 'B'	478	+15	14.1	3.0	17.5
249.5m	Wolverhmptn Inv	394	+1	9.0	2.3	41.8
270.5m	Wolverhmptn & D	419	..	8.2	2.0	17.6
15.2m	Young 'A'	525	..	12.3	2.3	30.7

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
91.0m	Abbey	235	..	..	..	..
282.9m	Amec	379	+8	17.3	4.6	10.8
69.9m	Anglia Sec	466	+10	34	0.7	27.0
58.5m	Anglo Utd	47	-3	1.3	2.8	20.4
9,660.6m	Arnolds	183	-15	5.3	2.7	12.2
163.0m	Attwoods	280	-10	8.7	3.1	15.8
1,173.1m	BBA Grp (aa)	259	-5	9.0	3.4	12.5
58.6m	Baggeridge Brick	283	-5	5.0	1.7	20.7
4,128.0m	Bailey (Benj) Const	79	+1	1.9	2.4	18.4
317.4m	Barratt Devs	178	-4	12.6	7.1	11.7
50.4m	Bellway	225	-11	9.7	4.3	11.3
29.2m	Bellwinch	94	-2	2.9	3.1	8.5
130.1m	Berkeley Gp	311	-14	4.7	1.5	11.0
17.2m	Bett Bros	115	..	4.6	4.2	28.5
39.5m	Blue Circle	399	-10	16.0	4.0	9.3
1,189.0m	Blue Circle (aa)	486	-10	20.0	4.3	10.9
20.8m	Boot (Henry)	388	+1	19.3	5.0	9.2
34.4m	Breedon PLC	245	-5	8.7	3.6	32.8
25.3m	Brent Chems	150	-12	7.1b	4.7	13.6
40.1m	Canning (W)	220	-12	7.3	3.3	11.2
328.8m	Costain	336	+2	13.1	3.9	10.8
208.5m	Costains Bros	225	-1	10.3	4.6	10.1
259.2m	Crods	295	-1	12.9	4.4	10.5
71.1m	Ellis & Everard	194	-1	7.5	3.9	13.0
5,519.0m	European Colour	90	-1	..	..	..
77.1m	Evode	175	..	6.2	3.5	15.0
220.4m	Fosseco	268	-5	14.6	5.5	11.8
34.5m	Halstead (James)	241	-5	9.7	4.0	10.8
191.9m	Hickson	233	..	8.3	3.6	15.1
4,356.8m	Hanson DM50	162	-½	..	..	..
6,971.9m	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	670½	-2½	57.5	5.6	8.7
574.4m	Laporte (aa)	416	-1	16.4	3.9	12.9
60.6m	Leigh	288	+3	7.5	3.2	18.6
1,568.2m	Norsk Hydro	216½	+½	..	..	..
39.5m	Pilkington	176	-3	8.1	1.8	13.0
22.1m	Redbrook Hldgs	295	..	5.8	2.0	26.3
356.6m	Rentokil	295	-1	4.5	2.2	18.1
18.0m	Sutcliffe Speakman	251	..	7.7	3.1	15.4
30.3m	Wade(Caroline Rnk	462	..	14.0	4.3	15.6
44.7m	Yorkshire Cham	248	-14	10.7	4.3	16.9
111.2m	Yuasa Casio	136	-3	4.1	3.0	15.7

FINANCE, LAND

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
49.7m	Abingworth	245	+2	1.7	0.7	..
38.2m	Allen Hmfg	80	-5	3.3	4.1	15.7
94.0m	Amalgagesta	314	+17	13.7	4.4	9.2
24.8m	Ass Homeowners	78	..	2.5	3.2	28.9
24.1m	Authority Inv	268	-5	8.0	3.0	12.3
——	Berkeley Govett	180	..	..	..	..
798.4m	Br Commonwlth (aa)	243	..	13.0	4.5	19.3
27.0m	Burns-Anderson	115	-2	6.0	5.2	17.4
53.2m	Cadogan	221	..	23.3	3.1	44.7
26.5m	Candover	395	..	12.3	3.1	55.2
4,731.0m	Centrewy	126	..	1.3	1.0	39.1
1,833.6m	Christies Int	170	..	5.3	3.1	11.8
18.5m	Harveys&Thompson	440	..	12.3	2.8	32.0
22.5m	Ind Fin Inv	96	..	4.6	4.8	15.9
39.5m	Ivory & Sime	128	..	7.7	6.0	15.3
52.9m	LIT	29	-1	2.0	6.9	14.2
53.2m	Mayedo	202	..	8.9	4.4	31.0
105.3m	Nat Home Loans	115	..	9.0	7.8	10.3
24.2m	Newmarket	68	-2	..	..	..
15.8m	Parrish Pic	190	-5	1.3	0.7	22.3
5,350.0m	Slaughter & Hn	140	-13	..	..	..
190.1m	Singer & Fried	86	..	1.4	1.6	28.2
157.2m	Templeton Gbrn	121	-2	4.3	3.3	9.1

DRAPERY, STORES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
74.5m	Alexon	380	-2	10.7	2.8	12.4
15.5m	Amber Day	77	..	..	..	..
20.7m	Aquascutums 'A'	77	-2	4.1	5.3	14.1
239.5m	Ashley (Laura)	128	-3	3.2	2.7	17.2
9,830.0m	Austin Reed	378	..	11.6	3.1	21.0
64.0m	Beauvale (James) 'A'	152	..	3.5	2.3	21.0
79.0m	Bensalls	199	-2	4.3	2.2	28.2
61.9m	Blacks Leis	155	-1	0.1	0.6	16.0
264.2m	Body Shop	620	-8	2.4	0.4	86.0
8,774.2m	Boots	429	-3	12.7	2.9	15.0
17.6m	Brown & Jackson	51½	+3½	0.1	0.2	38.7
144.4m	Brown (N)	268	-12	8.7	2.6	16.0
1,238.7m	Burton (aa)	285	-12	10.4	4.9	11.3
15.1m	Parkstern 'A'	220	..	2.4	2.0	24.3
28.5m	Casket plc	68	..	3.8	5.6	8.0
47.1m	Church	440	+5	15.8	3.6	13.7
1,186.0m	Coats Viyella (aa)	228	+9	11.0	4.8	7.9
50.0m	Courts (Furn) 'A'	228	+13	7.7	3.4	27.7
28.0m	DAKS Simpson 'A'	525	-28	12.8	2.4	17.1
44.1m	Dawtrey (J)	48	..	1.3	2.7	18.7
979.0m	Dirons Cnp (aa)	278	..	7.0	2.5	19.1
1,951.1m	Dorrell	208	..	3.5	1.7	15.8
76.9m	ERA Gp	90	..	3.4	3.8	13.2
42.2m	Ellis & Goldstein	145	..	3.6	2.5	28.1
8,700.0m	Eye (Wholesale)	725	..	18.0	2.2	16.8
101.1m	Empire Stores	261	..	7.2	2.8	32.5
184.8m	Etam	282	..	8.2	3.3	12.9
186.4m	Fine Art Dev	264	-5	8.1	3.5	15.5
10.5m	Fogarty	230	..	10.8	4.7	9.2
24.5m	Gent SR	68	..	1.6	2.4	20.4
38.4m	Goldberg (A)	235	..	7.3	3.2	19.8
91.4m	GUS	616½	+½	38.0p	2.3	17.0
2,586.8m	Do 'A' (aa)	610½	..	38.0	2.3	17.0
444.7m	Harris Queensway	186	..	7.7	4.1	57.3
19.3m	Helene Plc	37	-2	2.2	5.9	11.8
124.3m	Hogg Robinson plc	181	-10	6.0	3.3	15.1
15.7m	Hollas	68	..	2.1	3.1	14.4
102.5m	Hse Of Larose	193	..	13.3	6.9	10.5
17.1m	Leslie Wise Gp	80	..	3.7	4.6	10.4
52.0m	Liberty	611½	..	14.5	1.3	24.2
1,506.0m	Marks Spencer (aa)	189	..	8.6	4.6	13.9
192.2m	Menzies (John)	348	..	8.0	2.3	11.4
25.7m	Moss Bros	222	..	..	..	27.1
863.4m	Next (aa)	233	-12	9.4	3.9	11.2
13.3m	Oliver (G)	525	..	17.1	3.3	18.0
104.4m	Pentos	116	..	3.8	1.5	13.5
261.5m	Rabbits Group	236	..	11.0	4.7	9.0
8,356.0m	S & U Stores	92	..	5.5	6.0	9.2
2,129.0m	Sears (aa)	142	..	6.1	4.3	15.1
458.2m	Smith (WH) 'A' (aa)	276	-10	11.5	4.1	13.8
70.8m	Sock Shop	332	..	1.1	0.3	57.9
66.3m	Stead & Simpson 'A'	118	..	6.1	5.2	10.1
581.2m	Stonehouse (aa)	240	-4	11.7	4.9	11.8
24.0m	Scorpguard	14	..	..	..	20.9
31.5m	T & S Stores	175	..	2.9	1.7	18.4
73.5m	Tibbet & Britten	286	..	6.2	2.2	20.2
37.3m	Tie Rack	318	..	8.7	2.7	21.5
113.3m	Toye Products	220	-3	5.1	2.8	12.1
32.0m	Underwoods	118	..	3.3	2.8	37.3
49.8m	Vivat	122	..	3.6	3.0	20.8
349.5m	Ward White	295	-10	12.0	4.1	9.7
111.3m	Wickes	238	..	1.8	0.8	21.7
26.7m	Wilding Office	228	-9	12.0	4.4	11.2
1,195.5m	Woolworth (aa)	278	..	12.3	4.4	11.2

ELECTRICALS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
109.7m	AB Elect	438	-11	16.5	4.2	16.4
69.1m	ABB Kent	97	-1	..	..	..
14.8m	Admiral Comp	143	..	4.0	2.8	18.1
48.1m	Alba	130	..	6.0	4.5	16.5
59.7m	Alphameric	305	..	4.7	1.5	14.4
1,280.5m	Amstrad (aa)	222	-10	1.2	0.5	13.0
61.3m	Apricot Computers	128	..	2.7	2.1	13.2
12.9m	Arlen	195	..	4.0p	2.0	19.2
395.7m	Atlantic Comp	169	..	6.6	3.9	14.3
11.3m	Audio Fidelity	142	..	8.7	6.1	11.1
193.5m	Auto Sec	272	..	3.1	1.1	17.0
7,072.0m	Beacon Gp	41	..	0.7	1.7	..
47.5m	Bennis & Fountain	57½	..	3.7	6.5	19.1
814.0m	BICC (aa)	258	-16	17.3	4.9	16.3
148.6m	Bisi	88	..	3.0	3.4	12.9
41.7m	Blick	267	..	6.1	2.9	16.0
52.7m	Borland	107	..	..	..	..
271.0m	Bowthorpe	174	..	4.5p	2.6	13.3
110.5m	Britannia Security	197	..	2.7	1.4	15.7
14,457.0m	Br Telecom (aa)	240	..	12.7	5.3	10.5
5,460.0m	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	21	..	0.3	1.4	13.3
265.5m	CAP Group	362	..	2.9	1.0	23.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
6,830.1m	American Express	216½	-½	..	..	..
76.5m	Angels	97	-1	5.7	4.1	47.2
248.5m	Britannia Arrow	107	-1	7.5	7.0	8.0
152.1m	Daily Mail	830½	-½	41.1	4.9	9.7
903.4m	Do A	804	-2	39.8	4.9	9.7
35.8m	Frost Gp	252	+17	9.3	3.7	20.1
75.3m	GT Management	155	-15	6.7	4.3	7.8
84.0m	Goode Durrant	131	..	2.4	1.8	9.4
145.8m	Henderson Admin	700	-15	36.0	5.1	9.7
85.1m	ICH	128	..	3.3	2.6	8.2
288.7m	MAI	96	-2	5.5	5.8	..
242.6m	MAM	345	-10	16.0	4.6	8.6
293.2m	M & G	360	+24	16.0	2.6	18.3
98.0m	Rutland	43	-1	0.3	0.7	25.9
89.9m	Smith New Court	193	+3	10.7	5.5	9.5
74.9m	Tyndall Hldgs	137	-10	6.9	5.0	13.3

FOODS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,412.2m	AB Food (aa)	316	-6	11.1	3.5	10.5
1,779.0m	ASDA Group (aa)	154	-3	5.5	3.6	12.2
8,480.0m	Allied Group	45	-1	..	..	..
24.5m	Appleman Hgs	148	-10	4.1	2.8	25.3
1,684.8m	Argyll (aa)	168	-2	7.1	3.8	14.4
29.1m	Assoc Fisheries	166	-2	8.7	4.9	16.6
13.7m	Banks (Sidney C)	205	..	4.5	2.2	19.6
119.9m	Barker & Dobson	140	+5	3.4	3.4	13.9
42.4m	Barr (AG)	673	+5	17.3	2.6	11.8
38.7m	Bassett Foods	280	+2	10.4	3.7	11.9
14.6m	Blakeys	98	..	3.3	3.4	13.7
215.3m	Bogers	172	-5	6.9	4.0	14.7
767.3m	Bonsford (S&W)	400	+25	19.3	4.8	18.1
514.6m	Booker	393	-4	21.3	5.4	14.0
34.5m	Bostwick	57	-1	2.1	3.7	..
103.7m	Brake Bros	232	..	3.7	1.6	20.6
2,246.4m	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	375	-3	11.9	3.2	21.0
17.3m	Cairns Milling	253	+1	9.7	3.8	9.0
13.6m	Clarkods Dairies	490	+2	12.1	2.5	24.3
36.7m	Do 'A'	490	+2	12.1	2.5	11.0
16.1m	Cullens	70	..	..	..	..
748.8m	Dalgety (aa)	339	-9	19.2	5.7	13.7
5,564.0m	Daniels S	78	-3	4.5	5.8	16.3
1,527.6m	Dee (aa)	172	-10	11.3	6.6	11.3
4,102.0m	England (J)	68	+4	..	..	..
180.2m	FH Fyffes	113	-1	..	..	..
355.0m	Fisher (A)	105	..	6.2	3.5	15.0
223.4m	Fitch Lovell	282	-5	14.6	5.5	11.8
186.7m	Frobisher	168	-3	9.7	4.9	10.8
181.9m	Geest	243	-12	9.5	3.1	21.1
353.5m	Hazlewood Foods	270	-7	4.3	2.4	11.0
1,172.5m	Hillsdown (aa)	295	+3	8.5	2.3	13.9
43.8m	Hunter Saphir	181	..	5.4	3.0	16.0
116.3m	Iceland Frozen	357	-2	6.0	1.7	20.7
5,535.0m	Kwik Save	366	+2	10.7	2.7	18.4
5,870.0m	Lyons Morn J)	146	..	2.5	2.1	19.2
1,399.0m	Lovell (CF)	182	..	2.7	1.8	21.2
62.9m	Low (Wm)	626	+13	21.2	3.3	14.8
337.0m	Matthews (Bernard)	81	..	3.4	3.9	15.4
7,395.0m	Nestle-Unilever Supp	303	-3	5.0	1.7	86.3
245.1m	Morrison (W)	262	-3	2.7	1.0	15.7
48.6m	Nichols (JN) (Vimto)	260	..	10.6	4.1	14.4
34.7m	Normand	90	..	4.8	5.3	12.0
76.2m	Pivot Foods (aa)	293	-9	13.3	4.5	11.9
154.8m	Murdo & Peacock	162	..	9.9	3.8	14.6
19.2m	Park Foods	197	+4	8.8	3.5	11.5
5,216.0m	Ranmagan	58	..	..	..	..
1,557.6m	Rank Org	251	-1	12.0	2.7	18.7
2,308.1m	Rowntree (aa)	210½	..	20.7	1.9	27.3
3,236.0m	Sainsbury (J) (aa)	216	-4	5.6	2.6	16.7
486.8m	Salvesen (Chrstn)	92	..	3.1	3.4	16.2
638.1m	Tate & Lyle (aa)	852	-14	37.0	4.3	11.8
2,748.0m	Tavener Rutledge	95	..	1.7	1.8	12.0
2,188.6m	Tesco (aa)	147	-3	3.9	2.6	14.2
84.0m	Thorntons	103	+1	..	..	..
712.1m	Unigate (aa)	312	-3	16.9	5.4	12.5
1,229.5m	Utd Biscuits (aa)	226	-12	15.1	5.1	12.7
31.9m	Warburton & Philp	210	+6	11.7	5.3	15.5

HOTELS, CATERERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
23.8m	Friendly Hotels	254	..	2.4	0.9	17.0
4,382.1m	Grand Met (aa)	511	+15	17.3	3.4	14.3
1,901.7m	Ladbroke (aa)	448½	+½	19.0	4.2	15.3
1,449.5m	Mecca Leis Gp	31	-2½	0.6	1.9	24.6
454.0m	Mount Charlotte	140	-2	2.7	1.9	17.4
399.7m	Queens Moat	107	+3	2.6	2.4	18.6
6,826.0m	Resort Hotels	187½	+½	..	..	..
247.7m	Savoy Hotels 'A'	855	-3	6.9	0.8	27.3
263.2m	Stakis	101	-3½	2.4	2.4	17.1
2,018.6m	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	258	-3	9.8	3.8	17.9

INDUSTRIALS A-D

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
29.3m	AAF Inv	165	-5	8.9	4.2	10.5
174.2m	AAH	275	-5	13.5	4.9	9.7
	ADT (aa)	141½	-5½	..	..	..
77.0m	ADT Research	178	+1	10.5	5.9	11.8
27.0m	AIM	258	-2	10.0	3.9	11.4
	AMI Health	252	..	..	..	..
41.2m	APG	66	..	2.1	3.5	14.4
102.5m	ASV	118	-5	5.8	4.9	12.7
112.6m	ASW	173	-2	..	..	..
46.3m	Aarpason	120	+1	7.4	6.2	10.5
111.3m	Adwest	356	-9	13.2	3.7	15.6
22.5m	Aerospace Eng	103	+2	3.9	3.8	15.7
56.1m	Alexandre Wheer	169	+1	4.4	2.6	16.9
29.7m	Alumasafe	342	+2	10.5	4.3	8.6
9,079.0m	Amber Ind	348	..	14.7	4.2	12.6
22.4m	Anamson	181	..	3.3	1.8	24.3
19.5m	Armour	47	..	3.7	7.9	14.7
31.4m	Ash & Lacey	745	-5	41.1	5.5	11.3
12.7m	Ashley	91	+1	..	..	..
10.5m	Ass Br Eng	41½	..	..	..	..
2,972.0m	Do 8%	245	..	11.0	4.5	..
92.6m	Aurora	166	-2	3.8	3.8	16.1
78.1m	Avesi	68	-1	..	..	..
886.1m	Avis Europe	382	-8	12.0	3.3	16.1
123.1m	Avon Rubber	740	-1	14.7	2.0	15.9
9,250.0m	Ayrshire Metal	165	+3	2.7	1.5	13.9
1,375.0m	BAA (aa)	276	-8	9.7	3.5	12.8
382.5m	BOC	778	+7	43	2.4	11.0
1,697.2m	BET Ord (aa)	233	-3	13.3	5.7	12.0
166.0m	BM Gp	403	..	3.5	0.9	24.1
1,883.4m	BOC (ar·	416	-3	18.0	4.3	11.6
127.3m	BSG	64	-3	2.7	4.2	10.5
74.8m	BSS Group.	493	+5	16.0	4.9	11.7
1,485.0m	BTR (aa)	295	+2	12.9	4.5	13.9
9,070.0m	Bailey (CH)	18½	-½	..	..	55.0
203.3m	Baird (Wm)	267	+1	..	..	12.8
40.8m	Banro	250	..	9.3	3.7	15.2
10.5m	Bardsley	46	-1	0.3	0.7	15.0
58.0m	Barlow Rand	353	+3½	..	..	..
45.1m	Barnett (H)	181	+½	2.4	1.3	26.9
3,750.0m	Barron Transport	750	..	32.0e	4.3	65.8
19.8m	Baynes (Charles)	30	-1	..	..	..
7,910.0m	Beir Brand	7½	-½	0.7	7.4	1.9
27.4m	Beatson Clark	270	-10	11.8	4.4	10.5
12.5m	Beaufort	193	-2	5.5	2.8	16.8
507.5m	Beazer PLC (aa)	180	..	7.8	4.3	9.6
3,832.8m	Beecham (aa)	480	-9	19.1	4.0	14.5
21.0m	Benlox	48	-1	1.1	2.2	42.2
41.3m	Bespak	305	-5	6.7	2.2	19.8
18.5m	Bestwood	57	-1	..	..	7.5
192.4m	Bibby (J)	170	..	11.3	6.6	7.5
2,788.0m	Bisset (J)	172	-3	5.5	3.2	..
300.9m	Birmid Qualcast	410	-5	12.7	3.1	23.8
26.6m	Birmingham Mint	184	-10	10.0	5.4	8.7
27.1m	Black Arrow	112	-3	3.5	3.1	10.7
76.0m	Black, (Peter)	153	..	2.3	1.5	17.1
97.3m	Blackwood Hodge	69½	..	1.8	2.7	10.9
8,826.0m	Blue Arrow (aa)	88	-14	1.6	1.8	13.3
61.5m	Bodycote	256	-9	8.9	2.7	13.8
2,142.8m	Boots (aa)	232	+2	11.7	5.0	12.8
2,898.0m	Booth Inds	75	+1	1.8	2.4	12.8
504.5m	Bowater	408	+13	17.1	4.0	14.3
494.5m	Bowater Inc	216½	-12½	..	..	..
13.8m	Braithwaite Grp	288	-1	8.0	2.1	11.3

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
107.7m	Brammer	253	+2	17.1	6.8	14.4
23.8m	Brassey	83	..	5.8	6.9	14.2
7,020.0m	Bridgend Gp	48	..	0.5	1.0	24.4
99.7m	Bridon	171	-5	8.2	4.8	13.4
23.6m	Bridport-Gundry	206	-5	9.5	4.1	22.1
——	Brierley Inv	62	..	..	..	..
1,152.7m	Br Airways (aa)	268	-5	9.2	3.8	7.1
3,449.0m	Br Bldg & Eng(App	265	..	9.0	3.4	13.7
42.1m	Br Syphon	132	..	6.2p	4.7	12.2
261.7m	Br Vita	234	-4	6.3	2.7	14.0
5,088.6m

EDUCATION

The academic mystery of the year

Admirers of intellectual gymnastics are in for a treat this summer as educational pundits of all political colours prepare for an unprecedented public display of convoluted reasoning in an attempt to solve the academic mystery of the year.

In a process as arcane as the reading of the runes, they will pore over pages of examination results in an attempt to answer the question, "Has the GCSE succeeded or failed?"

The obstacles to a straightforward comparison between the results of this year's first-ever GCSE examinations and those of last year's O-levels and CSEs are formidable.

Despite the GCSE's claim to have married the standards of the exams it replaced with new approaches to teaching and examining, it is very different to its predecessors.

At least 20 per cent of the marks are awarded on work done throughout a two-year course – in some cases 100 per cent of the marks are for coursework – presenting a very different challenge for pupils brought up to face the great divide of O-level.

And the GCSE set out from the first to examine a wider ability range than O-level and CSE – bringing low ability pupils into the examination system for the first time by using new assessment methods to enable them to show what they could do.

Its grade structure, with levels A, B and C equating to the old O-level grades and grades D, E, F and G reaching down the ability curve, is designed to, in the official jargon, "allow pupils to demonstrate what they can do rather than marking them down for what they cannot do".

The stakes on all sides are high, not least for the 700,000 16-year-olds who may feel they have wasted the last two years of their lives if the pundits pronounce the GCSE a worthless examination.

Kenneth Baker, the Education Secretary, whose predecessor, Sir Keith Joseph, started the process of inuroducing the GCSE, is likely to find himself in the firing line if things are seen to have gone wrong. Fortified by a report from Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, which said the GCSE had improved standards of teaching and learning in schools, Mr Baker has given the exam his support.

He is also likely to urge caution on government supporters who may want to interpret the results to support their belief that the GCSE is a dangerously "progressive" examination.

The six GCSE examination groups, formed from the old O-level and CSE exam boards, are resigned to the prospect of finding themselves in the middle of a shooting war between supporters and critics.

John Edmundson, secretary of the Joint Council for the GCSE, the body which represents the boards, said: "We are not trying to duck the issue, but any comparison in terms of looking purely at percentages of candidates getting given grades is going to be a very superficial comparison.

"If standards are improving, as we believe they are, we would expect to see a higher percentage getting good grades."

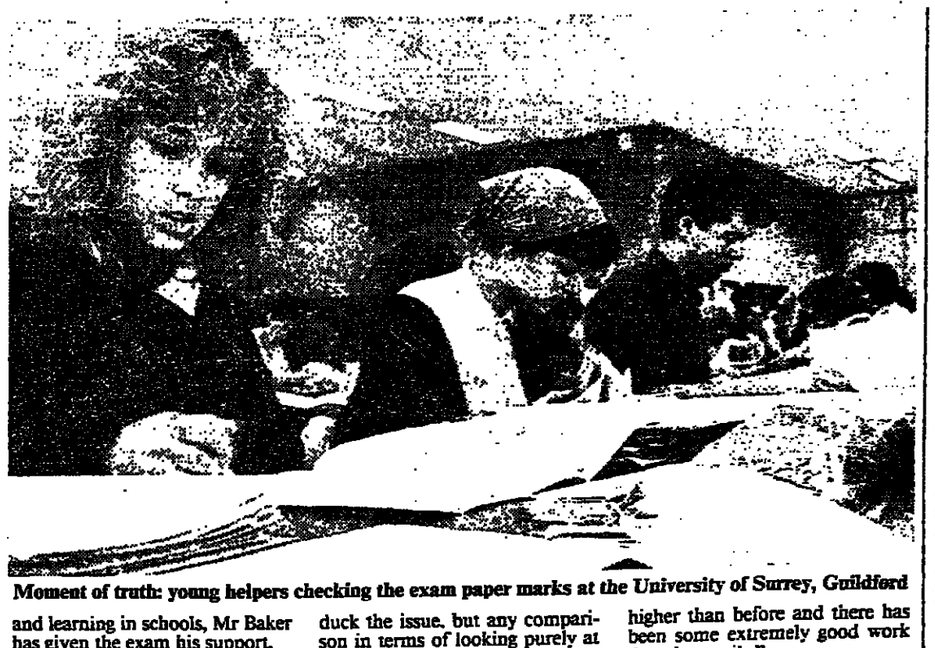
The staging of the first GCSE exams in May and June saw a crop of headlines about spectacular mistakes, with stories of missing papers and pupils kept waiting in exam rooms for missing maps and other examination aids.

Mr Edmundson said: "There is no doubt that the standard of work which examiners are seeing is higher than before and there has been some extremely good work done by pupils."

Colin Vickerman, joint secretary of the Northern Examining Association – with 1.6 million exam entries this year, the biggest GCSE board in the country – said: "It has almost become a joke here to say that we cannot win.

"If more people pass under the GCSE, we will be told that standards have slipped. If fewer pass, we will be told the exam is a failure, and if the results look similar to last year, people will just say the exam boards have cooked the figures."

Douglas Broom



Moment of truth: young helpers checking the exam paper marks at the University of Surrey, Guildford

Matching grades to the places

With A-level results due this week, thousands of students will begin the desperate battle to match their grades with university and college vacancies. It is estimated that 45 per cent of university applicants alone fail to get the exact grades required to meet the terms laid down when they were offered provisional places.

But provided their A-level grades are respectable, most will still find places in either universities or colleges.

The clearing system run jointly by UCCA and PCAS has in previous years begun to creak under the strain – last year 83,000 students applied to the clearing houses – but it will be easier this year with information being more easily available than ever before for readers of *The Times*.

In conjunction with *The Times* Network Systems Ltd., *The Times* will begin publishing full lists of all subjects on Wednesday, August 24 with the name and code of the course. Students are asked not to contact the universities and colleges earlier as the information will not have been collated before then.

An UCCA spokesman said: "It would be very helpful if applicants and their advisers could wait until then. Telephone calls during confirmation of offers causes difficulties and delays in dealing with straightforward cases."

For the polytechnics, a PCAS spokesman, said: "Please do not contact colleges on Thursday or Friday, but candidates who have narrowly missed the terms of their offfer may want to contact the college on Monday or Tuesday to discover the position."

The service, sponsored by the Midland Bank, will publish full lists on four Mondays from August 29 with individual subject areas being published on intervening days from Tuesday, August 30 until Friday, September 23. The information on TTNS will be updated daily. All telephone numbers and TTNS access codes will be published daily.

Universities and polytechnics must inform UCCA and PCAS of their decisions on students who have not quite made the necessary grades but may nevertheless be admitted. Most candidates should know whether or not they will be admitted within a week. The unlucky ones will automatically receive clearing forms and instructions.

The advice from UCCA is for students to ensure they are available to make the necessary calls themselves. A UCCA spokesman said: "Use of third parties such as parents is rarely satisfactory and often leads to misunderstanding."

● *Next week: How to use* The Times *Degree Course Vacancy Service.*

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RUGBY UNION

Strength of Soviets is too much for faltering England

From Chris Thau
St Cyprien, France

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In a game of mixed fortunes, Soviet raw strength, speed and resilience prevailed over English skill, commitment and, alas, inexperience by two goals and two penalty goals to one goal, one try, one drop goal and one penalty goal in the third round of the students' World Cup here.

The flawless kicking of the Soviet full back, Nougzar Dzaghidze, made the difference in a tense and often robust finale. The incredible accuracy of this kicking virtuoso has to be seen to be believed.

However, England should have never allowed the game to sink into the ambiguously grey areas where the boot reigns supreme.

The Soviets, eager to establish a dominant platform up front – like they did against New Zealand – delivered a mighty eight-man shove in the first scrum of the game on their own put-in. But a rock solid England scrum withstood defiantly.

Two scrums later, again on a Soviet put-in, England destroyed the Soviet scrummage with a short and immensely skilful eight-man shove which simply blasted the Soviets off of their own ball.

The England attack had shattered the confidence of the Soviets, who fielded their top international front row of Boris Samardin, Sergei Molchanov, and Kirpa.

Two scrums later England did the same, but this time the scrum half, Mark Hancock, spinned the ball wide. Brilliant Colin Laity, with his blistering acceleration, went racing through the Soviet defence like a high velocity bullet for an excellent try. It looked as if England were set to cut the emerging Russian challenge down to size.

But although the full back, Andy Hobbs, dropped a neat goal and Nick Burt landed a penalty for a 10-9 lead at half-time, England seemed unable to convert their formidable forward pressure into points.

For a variety of reasons the attacking English forwards kept losing the ball on the back or in contact with the Russians, while the half backs Hancock and Johnston, seemed unable to vary the game. The Soviet side took advantage of England's lack of concentration and scored another try to Ubogus's solitary effort.

The impeccable Dzaghidze converted from near the touchline. Although the Soviets deserved credit for a most valuable win, which puts them within the reach of the semi-finals, they have not managed to reproduce their fiery performance that sunk New Zealand

In true Soviet fashion their 21-strong playing party is supported by a cast of three coaches, one doctor, two officials and one interpreter. The Russians have also brought with them the box of tricks of professional sport, something the game of rugby can do easily without.

SCORERS: SOVIET UNION: Tries: Proklov, Charkov. Penalties: Dzaghidze (2). Conversions: Dzaghidze (2). England: Tries: Laity, Ubogu. Dropped goal: Hobbs. Penalties: Burt. Conversion: Burt.
SOVIET UNION: N Dzaghidze; C Djanelidze, A Andreyev, D Vinokhodov, A Hvadelidze; Y Nikolayev, A Proklov; B Samardin, S Molchanov, A Kirpa (capt), A Sokolov, S Serghev, A Sapega (rep: N Havader), M Charkov, S Ovsyanik.
ENGLAND: A Hobbs; S Hackney, C Laity, N Burt, T Underwood, A Johnson, M Hancock (capt); V Ubogu, B Gilchrist, A Mullins, A Stock, T Swan, S Shortland, A Bick, J Green.
Referee: R Clark (Scotland).

GOLF

England favoured to continue domination

By a Special Correspondent

England, who have a highly talented team of low handicappers, are expected to continue their domination of the girls' home internationals which begin this morning over the rugged Pyle and Kenfig links near Porthcawl.

Beaten only once in the past decade – by Scotland, at Llandudno in 1984 – and just four times since the four-cornered series began in 1969, England have three players with plus handicaps in their line-up, including the current English and British girls' champion, Helen Dobson. But for five of their number, this will be their final year in the junior ranks.

England open the defence of their international title this morning against Ireland, on paper the weakest of the four teams, and then play Wales after lunch.

Scotland, who suffered an unexpected defeat at the hands of Wales at Barnham Broom, Norwich, last August, will look towards the experience of Fiona McKay, of Turnberry, and Ailsa Ferguson, from Drumpellier, to help their cause.

Ireland have the youngest team on parade, with five members being able to play again next year, while two senior internationals – Andrea Perriam and Lisa Dermott – are in a buoyant Welsh side.

Order of Play (this morning): Scotland v Wales, Ireland v England; (this afternoon) Scotland v Ireland, England v Wales; (tomorrow morning) Wales v Ireland, England v Scotland.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

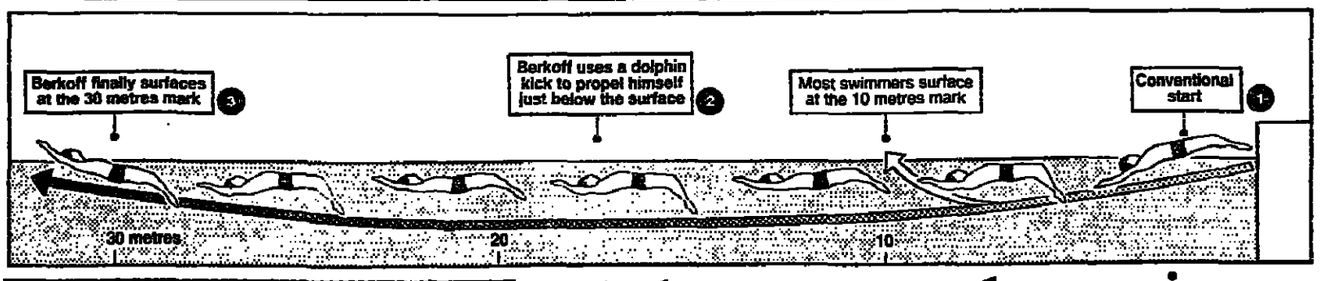
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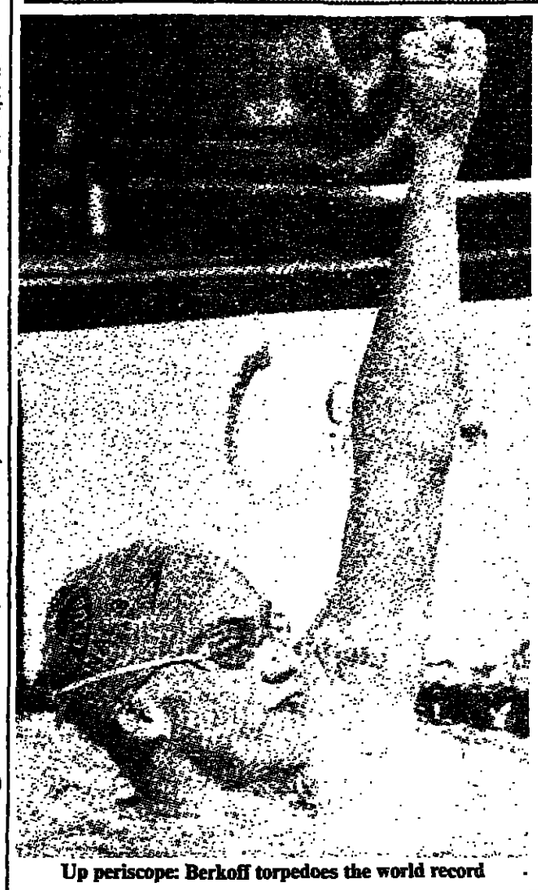
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SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Somerset (10.30-6.0).
Tour match
(11.0 to 6.0)
THE OVAL: Surrey v Sri Lankans.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Hartlepool: Durham v Lincolnshire. Banbury: Oxfordshire v Dorset. Devizes: Wiltshire v Buckinghamshire. Luton: Bedfordshire v Hertfordshire. St Austell: Cornwall v Shropshire.
BOWLS: Woolwich EBA championships (Worthing).
SHOOTING: National small bore championships (Bisley).
SQUASH RACKETS: Young England v Finland (Welwyn Garden City).
SPEEDWAY: National League: Exeter v Middlesbrough.

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: BBC2 7.25-8.15 p.m.: Invitation Pairs Crown Green Tournament from Birmingham.
SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: ITV 12.45 a.m. (tomorrow): Tennis: US Hardcourt championship from Indianapolis.

SWIMMING: BERKOFF IS OUT OF SIGHT FOR MORE THAN 30 METRES IN 100m BACKSTROKE





Up periscope: Berkoff torpedoes the world record

A human submarine sinks world record

By Steven Downes

The American Olympic trials in Austin, Texas, last week did not lack controversy: first came the go-faster swimsuits, then at the weekend the talking point was David Berkoff's submarine backstroke.

Berkoff, aged 21, an anthropology student at Harvard, would have made the headlines as the first man to break 55 seconds for the 100 metres backstroke after he recorded 54.95sec in his heat, a time he improved by four-hundredths in the final. It was the Polaris-like manner in which he torpedoed the old record, though, which left the poolside audience bewildered.

For after hurling himself away from the start, and while his seven rivals battled for the Olympic places on the surface of the water, Berkoff disappeared from sight, submerged for more than 30 metres of the first length. Sort of *Run Silent, Run Deep*, swim fast.

Rising to the surface for air and just eight conventional strokes of his arms to the turn at 50 metres, Berkoff, already well ahead of Jay Mortenson, his nearest rival, disappeared again as he used a reverse dolphin kick to propel him another 10 metres underwater towards the finish before he began racing conventionally for just another 19 strokes and the world record.

"There is a small penalty in terms of air," Berkoff said, stating the obvious. "You don't get to breathe."

That, of course, has been swimmers' longest-standing problem. But for the large of lung, in the slower strokes like breaststroke and backstroke, it is quicker to stay below the surface, where the momentum of the dive or start can be maintained for longer and where less resistance is encountered.

With breaststroke, the lawmakers have constantly juggled with the rules, swimming underwater for more than one stroke being forbidden after the 1956 Olympics. In recent years, however, freestylers and butterfly swimmers have, quite legitimately, been using a dolphin kick at their starts and turns, and Berkoff's backstroke is a natural development.

"I get a lot of momentum at the start and then take 30-35 dolphin kicks underwater with my arms outstretched," Berkoff said. "It's a technique I've worked on and do well."

Berkoff says that his hero is Igor Polianksy, the Soviet who less than a month ago had lowered the world record to 55sec.

The search for speed and medals has also turned to high technology, the American team in Austin using swimsuits, Darlexx Superskins, made of a new material developed from the same substance which was used to coat the hull of America's Cup yachts, the fabric creating a streamlined flow of water around the body of the swimmer. No superslick swimsuit could save Pablo Morales, though.

Morales, 100 metres butterfly world record-holder and champion, failed to make the team, fading to a sorry third in the 200 metres butterfly on Saturday, then having to watch Dave Wharton (2min 00.98sec) and Bill Stapleton (2:02.14) get inside his former national record for the 200 metres medley.

TENNIS

Lendl matches the blistering heat

Toronto (Reuter) – Ivan Lendl overcame Jimmy Connors and Kevin Curren ended the run of Mark Woodforde, of Australia, in the semi-finals of the Canadian Open championships on Saturday.

Lendl's blistering service was the difference in a 6-4, 6-4 victory over the fourth-seed, Connors, who was running down balls like a teenager despite the sweltering heat on court.

The unseeded Woodforde, who had ousted the Wimbledon champion, Stefan Edberg, and John McEnroe on his way to the semi-finals, fell 6-4, 6-2 to Curren.

Connors dipped into his bag of tricks and tried some net-rushing to fluster the Czechoslovak in the first set as he went to the net 35 times and struck 24 winners. But Lendl, who served eight aces, achieved breaks in the seventh game of both sets to defeat his opponent.

"I think I played well under the conditions," Lendl, who had played a late match on Friday, said. "I only had four hours' sleep and couldn't wind down because of the extreme heat. When it's so hot you just have to pace yourself and leave something for the second set."

Connors, who will be 36 on September 2, went all out but conceded that his best matches against Lendl were behind him. "They don't like losing to an old guy like me and I don't like losing to younger guys," he said.

"When you see the temperature gauge bearing past 110°F [43°C], you can get a little crazy. But I think I was still going for the shots. Whether I got there in time was another matter."

Lendl, who has been troubled by shoulder and leg problems, said he felt he was approaching top form. "This is the kind of match I need before the US Open," Lendl said.

Four times winner of this event, Lendl is still trying to catch Connors in one department – he has held the world No. 1 ranking for 152 successive weeks and is closing in on Connors's record of 160 weeks in a row at the top.

BOXING

Fenech aims for unity

Melbourne (Reuter) – Jeff Fenech, of Australia, wants to unify the three world featherweight titles, following his defeat of Tyrone Downes, of Trinidad, in five rounds to retain the World Boxing Council (WBC) title.

Fenech, who gained his eighteenth win inside the distance in 21 unbeaten bouts on Friday night, said he would try to bring the WBC, World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) titles under one umbrella before deciding whether to move up to junior-lightweight.

Fenech recovered from a badly cut eye in the first round to knock down Downes four times before the referee stopped the contest in the fifth.

● Glenn McCrory, of Durham, will defend his British cruiserweight title against the Ghanaian-born Tee Jay, of London. McCrory, aged 23, who also holds the Commonwealth title and who beat Tee Jay in January to become double champion, has been sparring with Mike Tyson.

Lloyd Christie, the light-welterweight from Wolverhampton, will defend his British title against Tony McKenzie, of Leicester.

● SEOUL (AFP) – Moon Sung-Gil, of South Korea, is the new World Boxing Association bantamweight champion, after beating Khaokor Galaxy, of Thailand, yesterday.

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EQUESTRIANISM

Charisma keeps his sense of occasion in British swansong

By Jenny MacArthur

Mark Todd and Charisma, New Zealand's reigning Olympic gold medal winners and one of the finest cross-country partnerships the sport has seen, confirmed their status as favourites for Seoul by winning yesterday's Barbour British Open Championships at Gatcombe Park.

It was the second time Todd had won these horse trials with Charisma. The first occasion was in 1985 when the conditions – wind and driving rain – were comparable.

Yesterday the pair, who led from the start, held off a fine challenge from last year's runner-up, Robert Lemieux, on The Poser. Lemieux was relegated to second place again, but there was consolation. He has replaced Virginia Leng as the new national champion – a timely result for Lemieux, who signed a £50,000 sponsorship contract with NM Investment Management Ltd four days ago.

Ian Stark, a member of the Olympic three-day event team announced last week, continued his successful partnership with Leng's former horse, Murphy Himself, by finishing third – he attained the same score as Lemieux but was slower across country.

But the day belonged to Todd – or more particularly, to Charisma. The small New Zealand-bred gelding, nicknamed Podge, has been placed in each of the 10 three-day events he has entered – including runner-up twice at Badminton. Yesterday was his last competition in Britain and there could have been no finer swansong.

An elated Todd said: "He felt as keen as ever – he seems to have a sense of occasion, I just hope he feels the same in Seoul." Todd is also taking his reserve horse, Bahlua, who finished twelfth yesterday, to Seoul, just in case anything should happen to Charisma. After the Olympics, Charisma will be retired to New Zealand.

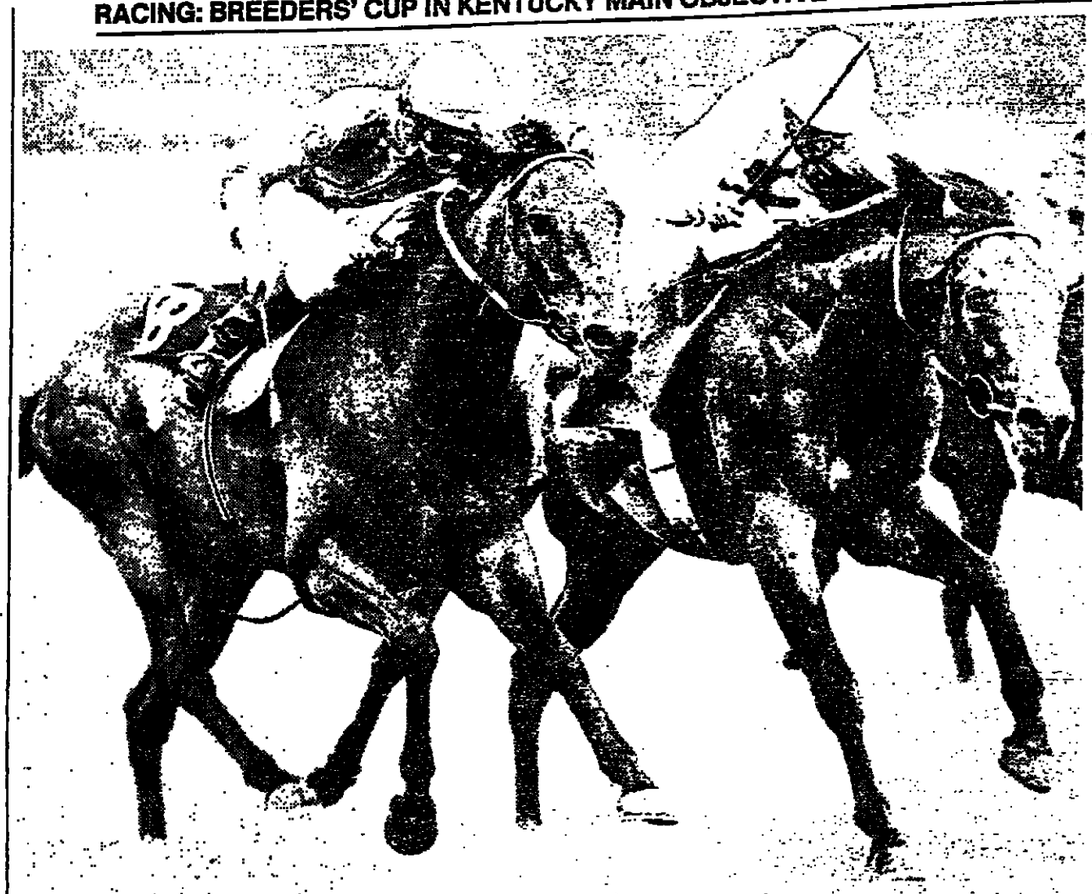
Although all the New Zealand Olympic riders competing yesterday took their Olympic horses across country, the five in the British squad were only allowed to take part in the dressage and show jumping phases.

Leng also decided to withdraw her Olympic reserve horse, Beneficial, after the show jumping. "It just wasn't worth the risk," she said. As compensation she had a fine win in advanced section one on Stark's former horse, Griffin, who she swapped for Murphy Himself.

With riders going in reverse order of merit, the atmosphere was suitably charged by the time the last four riders set off on the cross-country. But Lucinda Green and Mins Lincoln, lying in fourth position, and Jemima Johnson with Timber Rua, lying third, both failed to pressurize the leaders.

RESULTS: Barbour British Open: 1, Charisma (M Todd, New Zealand), 38; 2, The Poser (R Lemieux), 48; 3, Murphy Himself (I Stark), 48; 4, Welton Apollo (L Law), 56; 5, The Irishman (R Powell), 56; 6, Graphic (T Puttinger, New Zealand), 57. Advanced Section 1: 1, Griffin (V Leng), 52; 2, Scorpion (A Nicholson),52; 3, Christmas (J Clark) 54. Advanced Section 2: 1, Hello Henry (S Kellard), 29; 2, Good Value (A Tucker), 31; 3, tied equal.

RACING: BREEDERS' CUP IN KENTUCKY MAIN OBJECTIVE AGAIN FOR QUEEN OF DEAUVILLE



Kazaviyna (left) winning a thrilling duel with Busted Rock to capture Newbury's A T S Handicap (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

Pearlyman out with strained tendon

By Michael Seely

Pearlyman, Britain's top two-mile chaser for the past two seasons, is sidelined and is unlikely to attempt a third consecutive victory in Cheltenham's Queen Mother Champion Chase next March.

"He injured his leg at Liverpool last season," said Willy Jenks, who owns the nine-year-old in partnership with Valerie Shaw. "He's strained a tendon. It will be scanned next week and again in November, but we have been advised that he is unlikely to be back in training this season."

Pearlyman was due to meet Desert Orchid in a match for the title as champion British chaser this autumn. "It's because of the enormous interest in this that we wanted to keep the public in the picture," Jenks concluded.

David Elsworth, Desert Orchid's trainer, was at Deauville yesterday.

The Whitbread Gold Cup winner is still on holiday in Leicestershire but will return to Whitbury in a fortnight's time. Meantime, the versatile Hampshire trainer has engaged Steve Cauthen to ride Shimshek in Wednesday's Tote Ebor Handicap.

"He must have a good each-way chance at 25-1," said Elsworth. "He ran a good third in the Prix Kergorlay here recently, stays well and can be ridden up with the pace."

Kneller remains favourite at 5-1 for York's always competitive long-distance handicap. And yesterday Henry Cecil said that Charles St George's improving stayer is now a certain runner.

Michael Stoute has the second favourite in Mushtaag and also his only pattern-race runner of this important meeting when Kerrera attempts to make amends for her expensive Ascot failure in the Lowther Stakes.

Walter Swinburn, Stoute's stable jockey, continues to ride like a man inspired and was seen at his strongest when forcing Kazaviyna past the post a head in front of Busted Rock in the ATS Handicap at Newbury on Saturday.

Previously, the Aga Khan's progressive filly had captured Goodwood's Extel Handicap. "We will now try and find a pattern race for her," said the trainer. "She could well go to Doncaster for the Park Hill Stakes."

The Prix Vermeille, France's top race for fillies, is now a possible objective for Melodist, who plainly failed to stay one mile five furlongs when beaten two lengths by Top Class in the Geoffrey Freer Stakes, attempting to concede 6lb more than weight for age to the Michael Roberts-ridden winner.

Top Class will now go to Doncaster for the St Leger.

Moon Madness, last year's winner, and Merce Cunningham ran disappointingly, dropping out halfway up the straight to finish in the last two places.

Dick Hern, Merce Cunningham's trainer, received handsome consolation for having saddled the last two beaten favourites in the Yattendon Stakes, when Willie Carson rode Unfuwain's half-brother, Nashwan, to a narrow but decisive win over Young Turpin.

Almaarad wins in Germany

Almaarad, ridden by Steve Cauthen, was a comfortable winner of the £34,014 Aral-Pokal at Gelsenkirchen-Horst yesterday. Cauthen sent him to the front early in the straight and he was in command from two furlongs out.

John Dunlop's five-year-old, the 2-1 on favourite, scored by 1¾ lengths from the Norwegian-trained Wildvogel, the only other foreign horse among the nine runners.

Most Welcome and Media Starguest are the only English probables in the 14-strong field for the eighth running of the Arlington Million, at Woodbine, Toronto, on Saturday.

Highland Chieftain and Broken Hearted both had to drop out over the weekend because of injury. The two surviving challengers for the £322,581 first prize fly out today, in company with Triptych, Mill Native and Something True from France.

The race, which will be shown live on Channel 4 at around 9.15 on Saturday evening, is being run at Woodbine this year because of rebuilding at its usual Chicago home, Arlington Park.

The Canadian horses Yankee Affair, Carotene and Regal Classic, and six trained in the United States, complete the field.

PROBABLE FIELD: Deputy Governor 4-9-0 (ridden by E Delahoussaye); Equalize 6-9-0 (J A Santos); Great Communicator 5-9-0 (R Sibille); Media Starguest 4-9-0 (R Cochrane); Mill Native 4-9-0 (C Asmussen); Most Welcome 4-9-0 (W Shoemaker); Red Normand 5-9-0 (F Toro); Yankee Affair 6-9-0 (C Antley); Anka Germania 6-8-9 (C Perret); Carotene 5-8-9 (D Seymour); Something True 4-8-9 (A Cruz); Triptych 6 8-9 (G Stevens); Regal Classic 3-8-6 (S Hawley); Sunshine Forever 3-8-6 (J Velasquez).

Majestic Miesque outclasses rivals with superb display

From Michael Seely, Deauville

Miesque proved herself beyond the shadow of a doubt to be one of the outstanding milers of the century when outclassing Warning and Soviet Star in the Prix Jacques Le Marois at a sun-baked Deauville yesterday.

"She's by far and away the best miler I've ever ridden," said a triumphant Freddie Head. "They just can't beat her, whether they go fast or slow. As you saw, I had to move up early as they'd gone no early gallop."

Guy Harwood, Warning's trainer, was moved to pay this tribute: "The race became a six-furlong sprint but you have to say that Miesque is something special."

The early pace was set by Intimidate with Head settling Miesque at the rear of the field. The crunch came when the three principal challengers, Miesque, Warning and Soviet Star, moved up two furlongs from home.

Warning then stole a fractional lead as Pat Eddery sent Khaled Abdulla's Sussex Stakes winner for home, but Miesque was still cantering and cruised into the lead to win unextended by a length.

Gabina stayed on to snatch third place from Soviet Star, a further two lengths away.

Last year, Miesque crowned her season of glory by proving herself the world's best miler in the Breeders' Cup in California.

"Her programme will be much the same," said Alan Cooper, Stavros Niarchos's racing manager. "First to Longchamp for the Prix du Moulin in September and then next stop, the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs in Kentucky."

Guy Harwood, although delighted with Warning, has no firm plans for the colt, but Soviet Star could take on Miesque again next month in the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp, a course which trainer Andre Fabre feels may suit him better.

There was, however, an English triumph when John Dunlop's Ashayer, ridden by Eddery, beat the Robert Armstrong-trained Azayim by 2½ lengths in the group three Prix de Psyche. "She seems to like France and could come back for the Prix Vermeille at Longchamp next month," Dunlop said.

Deauville details

Going: firm

3.20 PRIX DU HARAS DE FRESNAY-LE-BUFFARD JACQUES LE MAROIS (Group I: 1m) 1, MIESQUE (F Head); 2, Warning (Pat Eddery); 3, Gabina (E Legrix). ALSO RAN: Soviet Star (4th), Immidate (5th), Harmless Albatross. 6 ran. 1l, 2l, nose, 3l, nk. F Boutin. Pari-Mutuel: (inc 1Fr stake) 1.60; 1.10 1.70 CSF: 4.40. 1min 38.6sec.

Totem earns place in Ascot mile

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Fast going turned the form book upside down at the Curragh on Saturday when Guy Harwood's Joligeneration finished last of six after starting 7-4 favourite for the group three Tara Sires Desmond Stakes.

An examination by the course veterinary surgeon was immediately ordered but he could find nothing amiss with Joligeneration who, after making the running, dropped out very abruptly two furlongs from home.

This left his compatriot Hoy looking the likely winner but in the final furlong Sheik Mohammed's Totem burst through on the wide outside to win by three lengths.

Hitherto regarded as a sprinter, Totem stayed every yard of this testing mile and David O'Brien nominated him for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot next month.

Totem's partner, Christy Roche, had to work a great deal harder to land Heavenly Manna a neck winner of the other group three race on the programme, The Royal Whip.

Eurobird, having only her second race of the season, finished very strongly to take second place and on her showing here at unfavourable weight terms she must have an excellent chance of repeating last year's victory in the Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St Leger. This classic is also the objective for the winner, trained by Paddy Mullins.

Osmar became a likely challenger for the Cartier Million when winning the Ir£15,000 Tyros Stakes by 1½ lengths from Strover. Osmar's trainer, Dermot Weld, would welcome soft ground at York this week for Big Shuffle in the William Hill Sprint Championship.

SHOOTING

Langley is at his most inspiring

By Our Shooting Correspondent

Britain's young shooters ended the Canadian Rifle championships in Ottowa triumphantly on Saturday, as Jeremy Langley, aged 20, from Exeter – the youngest member of the Great Britain team – won both the Canadian Open and the grand aggregate of the meeting, along with several other leading competitions.

Langley, a former cadet international, must have inspired this year's cadets, the Athelings, for one of them, Graham Atkinson, of Guildford Royal Grammar School, virtually cleared the board in the main cadet awards.

John Pugsley, the Devonshire vet who won the Queen's prize last month, came close to the governor general's prize, finishing in second place, three points behind Bob Best, the Canadian winner. Andrew Tucker, another British Queen's Prize winner, was fourth.

Nick Hinchliffe, the Manchester barrister who also had his first international experience with the Athelings, was runner-up in the Canadian Open.

Meanwhile, at Bisley, Malcolm Cooper, the Olympic gold medal winner, retained his British 3-positions championship with a convincing lead over Ian Potts, aged 21, of Twickenham.

Cooper also retained the Darby Trophy, the standard rifle 3-positions event, at the National Small Bore Rifle Association Meeting.

RESULTS: Canadian Rifle Championships: Governor General's Prize: 1, R Best (Can), 397; 2, J Pugsley (GB), 394; 3, J Patten (Can), 394. Grand aggregate: 1, J Langley (GB), 815; 2, J Parnan, 814; 3, A Sorenson (Canada), 813. Canadian Open: 1, J Langley, 954; 2, N Hinchliffe (GB), 947; 3, A Sorenson, 946. Polar Bear aggregate: 1, J Langley, 654; 2, A Sorenson, 648; 3, P Medhurst (GB), 648. Allcomers aggregate: 1, A Marion (Can), 597; 2, A Tucker (GB), 597 (after tie). Gzowski aggregate: 1, J Langley, 252; 2, R Kingston (GB), 251; 3, N Hinchliffe, 251. Cadet Aggregate: 1, G Atkinson (Athelings), 592; 2, D Harvey (Athelings), 590. Cadet Open: 1, G Atkinson, 760; 2, D Harvey, 759; 3, J Orr (Athelings), 757. Cadet grand aggregate: 1, G Atkinson, 806; 2, D Harvey, 807; 3, J Orr 799. Gatineau Trophy (600 metres): after tie 1, J Dougan (Can), 75; 2, P Jacques (GB), 75; 3, D Harvey, 75. National Small Bore Rifle Meeting: British 3-positions championship: 1, M Cooper (Havant), 1,171; 2, I Potts (Twickenham), 1,130; 3, D Poxon (Birmingham), 1,127. County teams: 1, Hampshire 4,492; 2, Surrey, 4,436. Club teams: 1, Havant, 3,395; 2, Chobham, 3,329. Darby Trophy (3x20): 1, Cooper, 582; 2, Miss S Waters (Hastings), 567; 3, D Poxon 565.

BOWLS

Belgrave break into tears of joy

By Gordon Allan

Dave Sheppard, John Stephenson and their skip, Paul Clarke, of Belgrave, won the Woolwich EBA triples championship at Worthing on Saturday. They beat Clevedon – Ron Tuggey, Dave Bessant and Pip Branfield – 17-11 in the final, becoming the first Leicestershire team to win the title.

Clarke said they "scratched around" in some earlier matches but played consistently in the final, making sure they had bowls in the head. They won 11 of the 18 ends and restricted Clevedon to two shots over the last eight.

Branfield, who won this event in 1984 with his father, Len, and Gordon James, had to try to kill ends to stay in the game; but the jack usually went into the ditch instead of out of the rink, with Belgrave benefiting.

Branfield's brother, Paul, was in the team at the beginning of the season but then had to go to Germany to work and Tuggey took his place at lead. At the end of the final Stephenson, the Belgrave No. 2, sat on the bank with his head in his hands shedding a tear or two of joy and relief. Today he and Clarke resume business with a first-round match in the pairs against the Isle of Wight.

In the semi-finals Belgrave beat Plymouth Civil Service, skipped by David Cutler, 23-14, and Clevedon beat Workington, skipped by Stan Laybourne, 17-13.

Chris Howes, aged 16, of British Rail Rugby, won the second national under-16 championship yesterday when he beat Graham Shadwell, aged 13, of Trowbridge, Westbourne, 21-7. In the semi-finals Shadwell, 13-20 down, won seven consecutive ends to beat Stuart Vosper 21-20. Next season the championship is being expanded to include boys of 18 and under.

TRIPLES: Semi-finals: Clevedon 17, Workington 13; Belgrave 23, Plymouth Civil Service 14. Final: Belgrave 17, Clevedon 11.

NATIONAL UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: G Shadwell (Trowbridge, Westbourne) 21, S Vosper (Kingsclere) 20; C Howes (Emsh Rail, Rugby) 21, M Bates (Ashby-de-la-Zouch) 19; Howes 21, Shadwell 7.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wind of fortune blows towards Workington

Workington Town	20
Barrow	8

Workington Town, led by their new captain, the former Great Britain hooker, David Ward, qualified to meet Whitehaven in the final of the Cumbria Cup. The final will be at Whitehaven next Sunday.

Barrow, the cup winners for three of the past four years, tackled well but failed to make the breaks: their only points in the first half coming from a penalty goal by Dean Marwood and then, just before the end of the afternoon, a try by Russ Walker, converted by Marwood.

Both teams were hampered by a strong wind but Town led 8-2 at the interval with tries by the centre, Paul Pearice, and the winger, David Beck.

A 50-yard goal by Dave Lowden, the full back, on the hour put Workington in a strong position. Then the prop forward, Ray Tabern, and Colin Falcon forced over for tries to make the game safe, with Lowden landing his second goal from the touchline.

SCORERS: Workington: Tries: Penrice, Beck, Tabern, Falcon. Goals: Lowden 2. Barrow: Try: Walker. Goals: Marwood 2.

● Oldham Rugby League Club, newly promoted, hope to solve their stand-off problem by signing Chris O'Sullivan, of the Canberra Raiders, who has already agreed terms in talks with Harvey Ashworth, the club chairman. O'Sullivan, one of the Sydney League's leading half backs, became Oldham's target when his Canberra team-mate, Ivan Henjak, reported a recurrence of a stomach injury.

POLO

Quorn top among the Jaguars

By John Watson

By general acclaim, the standard of Pony Club polo has risen dramatically in recent times, and the Jaguar championships at Ambersham, Sussex, demonstrated how true that is.

Yesterday, the final of the Jaguar Trophy for the Jack Gannon class (under-21s) resulted in a 5-4½ victory for the Quorn against the Cotswold (received 1½). The Quorn played particularly well integrated polo, with the Gaunt brothers, Gareth and Justin, as the central strength, well supported at one by Alvaro Dowding.

James McCullen, the Cotswold No. 2, going hand-in-glove with Oliver Hughes, scored twice for the losers.

The Pony Championship prizes, the Rendell Cup and the Bank of Ireland Trophy (for under-19s) were won by the VWH with a 2-1 win over Cheshire South. VWH's chief talent resided in the brother and sister combination of Roddy and Zoe Williams.

The VWH also carried off the Loriners trophy (under 16s) by defeating the Quorn team, 3-0. In the under-14 category (Handley Cross) the Bicester was triumphant with a 4-1 victory against the Crawley and Horsham.

JAGUAR TROPHY: Quorn: 1, A Dowding; 2, J Gaunt; 3, G Gaunt; Back: F Shields. Cotswold: 1, A Duncanson; 2, J McCullum; 3, O Hughes; Back: J Dixon. RENDELL CUP: VWH: 1, Z Williams; 2, G Prentice; 3, R Williams; Back: C Scott. Cheshire South: 1, D Barnes; 2, J Gill; 3, O Taylor; Back, J Robinson. LORINERS: VWH: 1, V Jolly; 2, G Prentice; 3, R Williams; Back: M Ponting. Quorn: 1, D Parr; 2, M Emerson; 3, P Webb; Back, E Payne. HANDLEY CROSS: First section: Bicester: 1, E Tutthill; 2, G Turner; 3, H Brett; Back: C Gibbs.

TENNIS

Sabatini makes final point

From Barry Wood, Los Angeles

A magnificent semi-final encounter at the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles resulted in ZinaGarrison succumbing to Gabriela Sabatini on her seventh match point. Meanwhile Chris Evert reached her fifth final of the year by defeating Stephanie Rehe.

The Sabatini victory, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5, took two hours and 40 minutes, with the outcome uncertain until the final point.

However, it could have been all over an hour before as the Argentinian led 5-4 and 40-love.

But Garrison not only pulled herself from the precipice of defeat but broke her opponent's service and served out for the set.

The drama continued in the deciding set as the American, presently being assisted in her fitness training by Joe Breedlove, now that he has been discarded by Martina Navratilova, saved a further three match points.

Both players emerged with credit, Garrison for her running and mental resilience under pressure, and Sabatini for her ability to run down many balls from perhaps the swiftest player on the circuit and to attack constantly at the net.

"We both went for each other and it was just a couple of points here and there," she considered.

Evert held off the growing challenge of Rehe, aged 18, with a 6-3, 6-3 victory, but believes her opponent is moving in the right direction.

"Once she settles into her more versatile game she'll be a real threat," Evert prophesized.

GLIDING

High wind blows May home

By Maxwell Fendt

The finish to the Open Class National Championship at Lasham, Hampshire on Friday proved to be the highlight of the competition. High winds and rain meant that no tasks could be set for the field of 30 on either Saturday or Sunday.

The Channel Islands resident, David Innes, was therefore deprived of the chance to regain the lead he had held over Robin May, a pilot by profession. May becomes the champion by one point.

In the task that turned out to have clinched the overall result, Innes had started just one point ahead of May overall.

A variety of pilot peformances on the 217km four-legged task meant that most landed out at 50 to 150km and the total points allocation for the day was reduced from the usual 1,000 to a maximum of 322. Accordingly, speed differentials earned a smaller range of points.

John Bally, in a Nimbus 3, who was running third by about 140 points at the start, was one of the few to complete the last task, from Lasham, to Membury, Headington, Beckhampton, and back to Lasham, doing so at 44.7kph, and by 6.45 p.m. As he finished, May and Innes were still airborne.

Fifteen minutes after Bally, May crossed the line at 39kph and he was on the ground to watch for his rival, who had to complete by 7.12 p.m. to win. Innes did complete, but a few minutes too late.

Mick Boydon, flying a Ventus CT, adaptable for 15 or 17 metre-span, finished seventh overall against the Nimbuses and ASH25 two-seater. He carried off both GEC Avionics Cups for first glider of less than 21m span and less than 19m span.

RESULT: 1, R May (ASH25) 3,407pts; 2, D Innes (Nimbus 3T) 3,406; 3, J Bally (Nimbus 3) 3,274; 4, P Hawkins (Nimbus 3) 3,074; 5, J Glossop (Nimbus 3) 2,927; 6, R Jones. (Nimbus 3) 2,835.

● In the International Mediterranean Cup at Rieti, Italy, Justin Wills, of Britain, in an LS6, won the 15m racing class after nine competition days for 75 competitors in all three classes.

RESULT: Open Class: 1, Pantet (Fr, ASH25). Standard: 1, R Brigadeau (Fr) 2, L Brigladeau, (fr), 50pts; 3, J Wills (GB), 136.

YACHTING

Star prospects please coach

By Malcolm McKeag

The Royal Yachting Association is determined to see British team and crews win major keelboat events in all classes from J-24s to top-level international offshore rule competitions and is already planning extensive training programmes to bring success through the 1990s.

Addressing some of the 40-odd trialists who attended the eighth *Times*/James Capel Crewsearch heat, held at Warsash sailing club on the River Hamble, the RYA national keelboat coach, Bill Edgerton, explained: "It is from among you that we will find those international crews."

The Crewsearch scheme, administered by the RYA, has proved so successful that it is to be broadened into an extensive offshore squad training scheme along the lines of the youth and Olympic squads.

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Already, said Edgerton, the scheme had found "four or five individuals ready to step straight on to international level boats" and this weekend another emerged. Adrian Stead, former 420 world youth champion and a product of the RYA's youth squad, stood out "head and shoulders" as a mainsheet trimmer.

This weekend's trial was primarily for BUSA – British University Sailing Association – applicants.

The high standard made final selection difficult for places in the BUSA crew for the Crewsearch final. At the bow will be 20-year-old Tim Davis from London, backed up at the mast by Martin Ley from Weston-super-Mare.

Ley sails regularly with Peter Phillips and plans to be with Phillips when the latter attempts a new west-east trans-atlantic record in April.

Trimming Genoa will be 25-year-old Sarah Davis (no relation) a serving army officer, who shares the cockpit with Keith Lyon, 20, from New Milton, Hampshire. Adrian Stead will be main trimmer while Ian Barker, aged 21, a sail-maker from Northampton, will call the tactics.

US champagne bubbles pricked

From Barry Pickthall, Honolulu

The Australian team of Sagacious, Great News and The Esanda Way snatched victory out of the jaws of defeat at the end of the Kenwood Cup ocean racing series off Hawaii over the weekend, beating the leading American team by five points.

When the two American boats, Insatiable and Bravura, took first and second in the final 775-mile Around the State race, the United States team looked set to clinch the five-race series. The 65-point lead of the Australians at the start of the race seemed shattered after Sagacious (Gary Appleby) was forced to retire with rigging problems and her team-mates, Great News (David Forbes) and The Esanda Way (Warren Johns), ended the race fourth and eighth.

But the Americans popped the celebratory champagne too early, for although Champosa V, the biggest of their team boats, was sixth to finish among the Kenwood Cup fleet, she was later pushed down the overall standings by 10 smaller yachts with better corrected times.

The British team ended the series third after Graham Walker's Indulgence, managed during this series by Alan Gray, finished the State race fifth and Mike Peacock's One Tonner, Juno, was awarded average points after a collision with a local yacht that put her out of the series.

RESULT: Around the State Race: 1, Insatiable (D Tank, US); 2, Bravura (I Loube, US); 3, Kattaro IV (I Chiba, Japan); 4, Great News (D Forbes, Aus); 5, Indulgence (G Walker/A Gray, GB). Cup team points: 1, Australia Red, 669; 2, US Red, 681; 3, GB, 512; 4, Australia White, 500; 5, Japan Blue, 450; 6, US White, 377; 7, Australia Blue, 373; 8, Japan Red, 331. Mumm Champagne World Cup points: 1, Australia, 200; 2, United States, 101; 3, New Zealand, 99; 4, Great Britain, 98; 5, Japan, 97.

ATHLETICS

Kipkoech is 'too tired' to qualify

Nairobi (AFP) – Three of Kenya's leading distance runners have been omitted from the squad of 31 for the Olympic Games after a series of upsets at the two-day athletics trials here.

Out of the squad, which will include four women, are the world 800 metres and 10,000 metres champions, Billy Konchellah and Paul Kipkoech, and the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic 3,000 metres steeplechase winner, Julius Korir.

Kipkoech dropped out of the 10,000 metres before the ninth lap on the first day of the trials, claiming he had been too tired, while Konchellah and Korir missed the two-day trials for unknown reasons.

Several records fell, the first when Fransisca Chepkirui became the first woman to run 800 metres in under two minutes on African soil, her 1min 58.1sec shattering her compatriot Mary Chemweno's African record.

Kennedy Ondieki, a schoolboy, became the first Kenyan to qualify for Olympic Games in both sprints by setting national and African 200 metres records and a new national 100 metres best.

Ondiek sprinted to a new African record of 20.3sec in the 200 metres and returned 10.1sec to break the long-standing Kenyan national record.

Cheered on by a large crowd at Nairobi's Nyayo national stadium, an eight-man battle in the 800 metres, in which Billy Konchellah, the world champion, was absent, also produced the fastest time on African soil when Nixon Kiprotich won in 1min 44.5sec. The runners-up, Juma Ndiwa, and Paul Ereng automatically gained selection.

Haringey claim title

Haringey will represent Britain in next year's European champion club contest in Belgrade after winning the GRE British League title for the third time.

Haringey's athletes provided the outstanding individual efforts of the match, with Dalton Grant setting a league record of 2.23 metres. Grant also showed a useful turn of speed to help the depleted Haringey sprint relay team to victory.

The Olympic decathlon champion, Daley Thompson, turned out in three events to help Newham and Essex Beagles win their second division match at Cwmbran and gain promotion.

MATCH RESULTS: First division (at West London stadium): 1, Haringey 344pts; 2, Belgrave Harriers 316½; 3, Birchfield Harriers 310½. Final positions: 1, Haringey 32; 2, Birchfield H 26; 3, Belgrave H 19; 4, Wolverhampton and Bilston 17; 5, Blackheath Harriers 16; 6, Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers 14; 7, Thames Valley Harriers 11; 8, Edinburgh Southern Harriers 8. Second division (at Cwmbran): 1, Newham and Essex Beagles, 236pts; 2, Borough of Enfield 234; 3, Cardiff 212. Final positions: 1, Newham and Essex Beagles 20; 2, Sale 18; 3, Cardiff 14; 4, Edinburgh AC 14; 5, Borough of Enfield 14; 6, Southampton 4. Third division (at Luton): 1, Old Gaytonians 279pt. Final positions: 1, Old Gaytonians 21; 2, Windsor, Slough and Eton 20; 3, Hillingdon 19; 4, Leeds City 12; 5, Sheffield 8; 6, Luton United 4. Fourth division (at Jarrow): 1, Woodford Green 288pt. Final positions: 1, Woodford Green 23; 2, Morpeth 17; 3, North London 14; 4, Crawley 13; 5, Liverpool Harriers 13; 6, Herne Hill Harriers 4.

POOLS CHECK

1-1	2-1½	3-1½	4-2	5-1	6-1½	7-1	8-1½	9-1	10-1	11-2	12-1	13-1	14-2	15-1	16-1	17-1	18-1½	19-1	20-3 ●	21-1	22-3 ●	23-3 ●	24-1	25-1	26-1	27-1	28-2	29-1½	30-1½	31-1	32-1	33-1	34-1½	35-1	36-1½	37-1	38-1½	39-1½	40-1½	41-3 ●	42-1	43-3 ●	44-1	45-1	46-3 ●	47-3 ●	48-1½	49-1	50-1	61-1½	62-1½	63-1½	64-1	65-1½	66-1½	67-1½	68-1

IN COUPON ORDER: Bulleen 2, Maribyrnong 1; Caulfield City 1, Heidelberg 3; Morwell 0, Box Hill 2; Altona Gate 0, Broadmeadows 0; Knox City 4, Frankston P 3; Sunbury 0, Mooroolbark 1; Westgate 4, Werribee 1; Altona City 1, Yarraville 2; Clifton Hill 2, Keilor 0; Doncaster 5, Eltham 0; Heidelberg C 0, Port Melbourne 0; N Geelong 4, Rangwood United 1; Sandringham 2, Prahran B'ton 1; Waverley 0, Dovetion 0; Bell Park 2, Corio United 1; Clarinda 2, Hamlyn River 0; Coburg 2, Moorabbin 1; Hawthorn 0, Lalor United 1; Mornington 2, Yallourn 0; Seaford United 1, Moreland Park 1; Springvale United 1, Geelong 0; Berridegh 2, Langwarrin 2; Boronia 1, Rosanna 1; Chelsea 2, Pascoe Vale 0; East Brunswick 1, Keysboro 0; Ferntree 5, Williamstown 0; Holland Park 1, Karingal 0; Ardeer 0, North Sunshine 0; Ballarat 0, Melton 1; Central v Malvern void; Clayton 3, Diamond Vale 1; Regent 1, Brunswick City 0; Western Meadows 4, Mossfiel 1; Bayswater 0, Sorrento 1; Kingsway 1, Athena 0; Perth Italia 1, Stirling M 3; Bassendean 3, Melville 1; East Perth 3, Balga 6; Forrestfield 1, Osborne Park 2; Gosnells 1, Ferndale 2; Kelmscott 2, Fremantle Bay 2; Kwinana 2, Inglewood 1; Morley 2, Cockburn 2; Albany 1, Subiaco 0; Armadale Park 2, Dianella 0; Queens Park 2, Swan Ath 2; Swan Crac 1, Rockingham 1; University 2, Hampton P 3; Wanneroo 5, Perth City 0; Adelaide City 3, Modbury 2; Cumberland 0, Salisbury 2; Lion Gate 2, Croatia 4; Para Hills 1, Campbelltown 3; Polonia 2, Woodville 0; WT Birkalla 0, Hakoa 3; Asteras 0, Seaford 3; Brighton C 0, Port Adelaide 1; Elizabeth 3, Central Districts 1. POOLS: Dividend forecast very good with seven score draws and four no-score draws. Telephone claims required for 22½ and 23 points.

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F DEAUVILLE

Pearlyman out with strained tendon

By Michael Seely

Promising Nayrizi has fine opportunity to initiate Cumani double

By Mandarin

Luca Cumani can gain a timely boost for his major assault on the big York prizes this week by saddling a double at Windsor today with Nayrizi (4.30) and Modesty On Ice (5.0).

His Riverman colt Nayrizi failed to land the odds at the last Windsor meeting when going under by half a length to Hibernian Gold. However, Guy Harwood's winner is a decent horse on fast going – he finished third behind Indian Ridge and Salse in the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot – and Nayrizi is napped to get back on the winning trail today.

Previously, at Ascot, Nayrizi had opened his account in promising style, outpacing another Pulborough hopeful, Hillmead, in the Cranbourne Chase Stakes.

That form looks more impressive than that of Olivier Douieb's unbeaten entry, Vaguely Hidden, who beat Armeria by 2½ lengths over today's course and distance last month. Jeremy Tree's filly finished well in arrears behind Kazaviyna at Newbury on Saturday.

Modesty On Ice, who contests the Manton Handicap, landed a maiden event comfortably by four lengths at Carlisle in June and then narrowly failed to defy top weight in a competitive handicap at Ripon at the beginning of this month, going under by a head to Propero.

She is again burdened with 9st 7lb today, but I expect her to have too much speed for Peter Walwyn's Park Street and Indian Queen.

There are encouraging reports about Alan Bailey's newcomer Wonder Dancer in the Newholme Graduation Stakes, but I prefer to rely on Zaitech. Alec Stewart's youngster got off the mark at the first time of asking when stretching



Susan Piggott: trainer of Land Ahoy (Leicester, 7.10)

out well to beat Lariston Gale at Nottingham and has plenty of scope for improvement.

David Thom has found a real money-spinner in Ezepeeze, who attempts to collect her fourth consecutive victory in the Robert and Norah Wilmot Nursery. She battled on most resolutely to fend off several challenges when capturing a similar event at the Berkshire course a week ago, and is worth following again.

The most attractive bet at Leicester's evening meeting is Susan Piggott's Land Ahoy to collect the Captains Stakes.

This front-running three-year-old was the market leader for a seven-furlong handicap at York in June, but failed by threequarters of a length to contain Eradicate.

Land Ahoy had previously won nicely at Folkestone over today's distance of six furlongs and Sheikh Mohammed's colt is preferred to Lambourn challenger Ottergayle.

Khaled Abdulla's Lemax looks the one to be on in the Bagworth Nursery, despite having to carry a hefty 10 stone. He shouldered top weight to victory in a similar event at Lingfield, having opened his account previously at Ayr, and should complete a treble at the expense of five rivals.

That versatile trainer John Edwards has been enjoying recent good fortune under both rules. Coincidental was a convincing winner for him at Lingfield's evening fixture on Saturday, and now I expect Tinas Lad to follow his example by claiming the League Championship Handicap.

The Chief Singer team of Jeff Smith and Ron Sheather should to have the answer to the Langham Claiming Stakes with Crystal Heights, who was denied a clear run when a close-up fourth behind Fearsome in a Yarmouth claimer three weeks ago.

Martin Pipe and Peter Scudamore have made a tremendous start to the National Hunt season and look booked for a double at Worcester with novice chaser My Cup Of Tea (4.45) and hurdling debutant Finagle (4.15).

Blinkered first time

LEICESTER: 7.40 Regency Beau. WINDSOR: 3.0 Bill Of Middlesex. 3.30 Whisper The Wind. 4.0 Moonlight Princess. 5.0 Geoffrey's Choice, Missouri Helen.

The Thinker back in work

Arthur Stephenson saddled Gowan House for a hard-earned neck success in the Greenall's Brewery Handicap Chase at Bangor on Saturday, and has good news of his 1987 Gold Cup winner, The Thinker.

"He had muscle trouble last season but seems to be all right now and is back in steady work. We'll know more when he goes into strong work, but I certainly hope to run him before Christmas," the Bishop Auckland trainer said.

Willie Hayes was badly concussed when Tarpromise threw him before the start of the Fred Archer Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle. The stewards told trainer Malcolm Eckley that Tarpromise was not a suitable ride for a conditional jockey.

WINDSOR

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Zaitech.	2.30 WONDER DANCER (nap).
3.00 Agapac.	3.00 Ever Reckless.
3.30 Eezepeeze.	3.30 Eezepeeze.
4.00 Al Khaled.	4.00 Al Khaled.
4.30 NAYRIZI (nap).	4.30 Vaguely Hidden.
5.00 Modesty On Ice.	5.00 Modesty On Ice.

By Michael Seely

2.30 WONDER DANCER (nap). 5.00 Park Street.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 NAYRIZI.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. /B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm (watered) **Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers**

2.30 NEWHOLME GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £1,072: 6f) (18 runners)

4	(10)	1	ZAITECH 21 (D,S) (A Macdonald-Buchanan) A Stewart 9-5	M Roberts	97
5	(5)	02	AMIGO MENOR 97 (F Glennon) K Brassey 8-11	I Johnson	82
6	(18)	6	AUGHFAD 40 (M MacCarthy) T Casey 8-11	J Quinn (5)	79
7	(13)		AZAY LE RIDEAU (J St George) J Sutcliffe 8-11	R Hills	—
8	(16)		BLUE ORCA (H Kaskel) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	—
10	(5)	065	DARKTOWN STRUTTER 79 (A Richards) C Austin 8-11	N Carlisle	—
12	(8)	32232	HAFIR 32 (BF) (Hamden Al Maktoum) C Benstead 8-11	T Quinn	● 99
13	(15)	0	HIGHCOMBE LAD 12 (Mrs T Dance) J Bridger 8-11	N Adams	—
14	(14)	0	KELLY'S DARLING 17 (J Crisp) J Williams 8-11	R Cochrane	—
15	(12)	855	LUCKY NATIVE 49 (G Cannon) D Marks 8-11	P Cook	79
17	(4)	0	MORE BY LUCK 16 (Mrs V Hodges) D Elsworth 8-11	W Newnes	—
18	(9)	4	ODYN PRINCE 80 (M Usher) M Usher 8-11	A McGlone	—
20	(11)		POLYSHEET (Sheet & Roll Converters) Mrs C Reavey 8-11	B Whitworth	—
21	(2)		POYLE HENRY (C Wiggins) D Elsworth 8-11	S Cauthen	—
29	(17)	6	TORIUS 23 (T Ramsden) R Simpson 8-11	J Curant	—
30	(7)	0	WEST WRETHAM 16 (Mrs D Hayman) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
31	(1)		WONDER DANCER (T Lang) A Bailey 8-11	Pat Eddery	—
32	(3)	52	WOODSIDE MILL 48 (M Power) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	96

BETTING: 11-8 Zaitech, 4-1 Hafir, 11-2 Woodside Mill, 6-1 West Wretham, 13-2 Blue Orca, 8-1 Poyle Henry. 16-1 others.

1987: PICAROON 8-11 Pat Eddery (9-4 fav) J Dunlop 15 ran

FORM ZAITECH (9-0) went clear in the final furlong to win by 1l from Lariston Gale (8-9) at Nottingham (6f mdn, £3030, good, July 25, 15 ran).
AMIGO MENOR (8-12) 2nd stayed on when beaten 3l by Spanish Oak (8-12) at Chepstow (5f mdn, £1440, good, May 10, 6 ran).
HAFIR (8-11) 2nd caught in the final furlong when beaten 4l by Bella Rossi (9-2) at Chepstow (5f grad, £1360, good to soft, July 14, 4 ran).
ODYN PRINCE (8-11) 4th beaten 5½l by Alo'Nika (8-11) at Goodwood (5f seller, £2088, good to firm, May 27, 6 ran).
WEST WRETHAM (9-0) 11th was in need of the outing when beaten 18l by Thorn Dance (9-0) at Newmarket (6f mdn, £3515, good, July 30, 14 ran).
WOODSIDE MILL (8-11) 2nd beaten 1l by Grandiflora (8-6) at Folkestone (6f grad, £2225, firm, June 28, 9 ran).
Selection: WOODSIDE MILL

3.0 STRATFIELDSAYE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,278: 5f) (12 runners)

1	(4)	14	HOGANS HERO 6 (D,S) (J Binks) N Tinkler 9-2	NON–RUNNER	—
3	(10)	00000	BILL OF MIDDLESEX 14 (B) (T O'Donnell) P Burgoyne 8-11	J Williams	82
6	(8)	400	ABSENT MINDED 102 (Mrs P Payne-Gallwey) N Vigors 8-6	P Cook	86
7	(6)	630525	AGAPAE 14 (A Booth) N Tinkler 8-6	Kim Tinkler	95
8	(5)	4232	EVER RECKLESS 11 (B Monkhouse) F Durr 8-6	Pat Eddery	87
9	(9)	0	HILLSIDE ROSE 21 (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-6	T Quinn	—
11	(3)	0653	MISS TENDERLY 81 (C Holland) Mrs C Reavey 8-6	D McKay	84
12	(1)	0060	MRS GATES 7 (Plantflow Leasing Ltd) R Akehurst 8-6	B Rouse	● 99
13	(12)	000	PANAMA PRINCESS 14 (Consultancy Ltd) J Baker 8-6	A McGlone	81
14	(11)	0	ROYAL SCENARIO 23 (L Bush) H O'Neill 8-6	T Williams	—
15	(7)	000244	RUNNETT FOR CASH 11 (B) (R Moffatt) M Fetherston-Godley 8-6	J Reid	83
16	(2)	0002	WEEK ST MARY 14 (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-6	R Cochrane	80

BETTING: 7-2 Mrs Gates, 4-1 Ever Reckless, 5-1 Runnett For Cash, Week St Mary, 11-2 Agapae, 8-1 Hillside Rose, 10-1 others.

1987: UCANBID 8-11 P Bloomfield (13-2) B Stevens 14 ran

FORM ABSENT MINDED showed good form when (7-5) 7th beaten over 7l by James Payne (8-6) at Pontefract (5f mdn, £2076, good, Apr 21, 18 ran).
AGAPAE (7-7) 5th beaten 1¾l by Premier Prince (9-3) at Ayr (6f hcap, £2222, good to soft, Aug 1, 6 ran).
EVER RECKLESS (8-6) 2nd beaten 2½l by Lady Keyser (8-6) at Brighton (5f seller, £810, firm, Aug 4, 7 ran).
MISS TENDERLY (8-7) 3rd beaten 8½l by Petongs Weeyn (8-7) with RUNNETT FOR CASH (8-6) 4th beaten 6½l at Brighton (5f seller, £799, firm, May 26, 6 ran).
MRS GATES (8-4) 8th behind Kramerix (8-9) here (5f mdn, £1016, good to firm, Aug 8, 14 ran).
PANAMA PRINCESS (8-3) 7th never a factor when beaten 9¼l by Virginia's Bay (8-5) at Folkestone (6f auct, £959, firm, Aug 1, 14 ran).
WEEK ST MARY (8-6) 2nd kept on well when beaten 2l by My Topic (8-9) at Wolverhampton (5f seller, £935, good, Aug 1, 10 ran).
Selection: ABSENT MINDED

3.30 ROBERT AND NORAH WILMOT NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,880: 6f) (11 runners)

1	(3)	106	MISS BENTLEY 51 (D,F) (Sir H Dundas) D Elsworth 9-7	S Cauthen	80
4	(2)	222111	EEZEPEEZE 7 (CD,F,G,S) (J Livock) D Thom 9-0	B Raymond	● 99
6	(8)	2112	NIGHTSTALKER 45 (D,BF,F) (Crescent UK, Ltd) R Smyth 8-11	M Roberts	95
7	(11)	354	UNIROYAL WINDWAY 38 (J Marsh) C Nelson 8-9	J Reid	83
9	(5)	024146	KINEMATIC 14 (D,G) (P Savill) R Hollinshead 8-8	S Parks	88
10	(6)	626322	DEVILS DIRGE 18 (G P-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-7	Abigail Richard (7)	93
13	(7)	516	BEFORE THE CRASH 37 (BF,G) (A Field) W Musson 8-5	M Wigham	89
14	(10)	01	SUPER MORNING 23 (D,S) (J Maxwell) M Fetherston-Godley 8-4	Pat Eddery	96
15	(9)	2620	WHISPER THE WIND 16 (B) (Ld Townshend) John FitzGerald 8-3	R Hills	97
22	(1)	4500	FORMIDARE 38 (A Speyer) S Dow 7-7	J Carter (5)	90
23	(4)	0610	PARTON EXPRESS 72 (G) (W Lng) Mrs C Reavey 7-7	G Bardwell (3)	96

Long handicap: Formidare 7-5, Parton Express 7-5.

BETTING: 5-4 Eezepeeze, 4-1 Devils Dirge, 9-2 Nightstalker, 6-1 Super Morning, 9-1 Whisper The Wind, 10-1 Kinematic, 12-1 others.

1987: TZUTIN 7-11 A Cuthane (10-1) Mrs M Macauley 11 ran

FORM MISS BENTLEY (8-11) 6th beaten 15½l by Aldbourne (5l, £7989, good to firm, June 25, 7 ran).
EEZEPEEZE (9-8) made all to hold on by 1l from Gunmaster (9-7) here (6f hcap, £2696, good to firm, Aug 8, 7 ran).
NIGHTSTALKER (8-10) 2nd beaten 2½l by Falcon Flight (7f claim, £3595, firm, July 1, 10 ran).
UNIROYAL WINDWAY (9-0) 4th beaten 13l by Vague Dancer (9-0) at York (6f mdn, £4207, good to soft, July 8, 11 ran).
DEVILS DIRGE (7-13) 2nd never a threat when beaten 5l by Sign People (8-12) at Goodwood (6f hcap, £5080, good, July 28, 14 ran).
BEFORE THE CRASH (9-4) 5th beaten 6l by Crosby (8-9) with DEVILS DIRGE (8-7) 2nd beaten 1l at Lingfield (6f hcap, £4045, good, July 9, 8 ran).
SUPER MORNING (9-0) had nothing left when holding on by a hd from Buzzards Son (9-0) at Lingfield (6f mdn, £959, soft, July 23, 12 ran).
Selection: UNIROYAL WINDWAY

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
A Stewart	7	18	38.9
M Stoute	13	42	31.0
R J Houghton	10	39	25.6
I Balding	7	30	23.3
P Walwyn	9	48	18.8
D Thom	7	38	18.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	55	204	27.0
S Cauthen	29	121	24.0
W R Swinburn	14	68	20.6
M Roberts	5	35	14.3
M Hills	6	49	12.2
T Quinn	11	98	11.2

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4.0 BINFIELD CLAIMING STAKES (£3,166: 1m 3f 150yd) (16 runners)

1	(10)	022050	JACK LONDON 14 (N Timson) J Harris 4-9-7	Paul Eddery	83
8	(9)	021-255	CASHMERE N CAVIAR 82 (BF,S) (D Harrison) R Williams 4-8-12	S Cauthen	● 99
9	(1)	001/080	SOFT SHOE SHUFFLE 21 (F) (T Blake) Miss B Sanders 5-8-12	W Newnes	—
11	(16)	501301	GREAT SALING 13 (G) (R McAlpine) B Hills 3-8-11	M Hills	93
12	(2)	0	GREY BULLET 105 (G Chagoury) P Cole 3-8-11	T Quinn	—
15	(7)	00-4	CAROLS BELLE 28 (C Jackson) C Jackson 5-8-6	V Slattery (7)	83
16	(12)	06	CONNIE PEARSON 11 (B Chambers) W Musson 4-8-6	A Mackay	—
17	(11)	600/00	DEL BOY 77 (United Racing Services) D Jermy 5-8-6	R Price (7)	—
20	(3)	030-041	AL KHALED 11 (F) (Sheikh A Dahlawi) W Haggas 3-8-3	M Roberts	82
23	(13)	000-0	TRANSFUGE 93 (J Beckwith) C Horgan 3-8-3	G Carter	—
24	(4)	050	BEST OF BRITISH 33 (J Blumenow) D Arbuthnot 3-8-2	N Carlisle	92
28	(14)	60	SUNDAYSPORT SPLASH 73 (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 3-8-0	—	—
29	(15)	0-00001	MOONLIGHT PRINCESS 23 (B,S) (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 3-7-13	G Bardwell (3)	75
30	(6)	420510	SEXTON 10 (D,S) (N Anderson) R Hannon 3-7-13	D McKay	83
32	(8)	040304	BLUE ARIA 21 (Exores of late D Allen) I Balding 3-7-10	M Marshall (7)	81
34	(5)	04-3041	GEORGETOWN BELLE 17 (G) (W Ponsonby) P Cole 3-7-10	C Rutter	95

BETTING: 5-2 Cashmere N Caviar, 3-1 Al Khaled, 7-2 Great Saling, 5-1 Georgetown Belle, 13-2 Sexton, 8-1 Best Of British, 14-1 others.

1987: CANONESS 6-7-11 L Piggio (9-4 fav) P Hayward 13 ran

FORM JACK LONDON (9-8) 9th beaten 17½l by Pour Encourager (8-2) at Wolverhampton (1m 6f, hcap, £2670, good, Aug 1, 16 ran).
CASHMERE N CAVIAR (9-10) 5th beaten over 13¾l by Storm Force (8-7) at Brighton (1m 2f hcap, £2376, firm, May 25, 6 ran).
GREAT SALING (9-2) just held on by a sh hd from Peer Prince (9-3) at Leicester (1m 2f claimer, £2595, good, Aug 2, 18 ran).
CAROLS BELLE (8-4) 4th beaten 7l by Checkpoint Charlie (8-4) at Wolverhampton (1m 4f mdn, £891, good to soft, July 18, 15 ran).
AL KHALED (8-6) won by 3l from Hard To Come By (8-8) at Yarmouth (1m 2f claimer, £1870, good to firm, Aug 4, 9 ran).
BEST OF BRITISH (8-11) 9th beaten 29¾l by Regency Fair (8-11) at Bath (1m 2f mdn, £2136, good to soft, July 13, 15 ran).
SUNDAYSPORT SPLASH (8-6) 8th behind Azayim (8-11) at Epsom (1m 110yd mdn, £3282, good, June 3, 12 ran).
MOONLIGHT PRINCESS (8-3) won well by 3l from Ivordoll (8-8) at Warwick (1m 2f seller, £901, soft, July 23, 11 ran).
SEXTON (9-3) 7th beaten 17l by Daily Sport Soon (9-7) at Newmarket (1m 4f claimer, £3444, good to firm, Aug 5, 12 ran).
BLUE ARIA (7-8) 4th beaten 9l by SEXTON (8-4) at Bath (1m 3f mdn claimer, £1199, good to soft, July 25, 13 ran).
GEORGETOWN BELLE (9-2) stayed on well to win by 1½l from Shahi Dancer (9-2) at Newmarket (1m 4f seller, £1671, good, July 29, 10 ran).
Selection: CASHMERE N CAVIAR

4.30 RAYS GRADUATION STAKES (£959: 1m 2f 22yd) (9 runners)

2	(6)	12	NAYRIZI 7 (D,BF,S) (Aga Khan) L Cumani 3-9-2	R Cochrane	● 99
3	(9)		SING THE BLUES (B Hager) C Benstead 4-9-2	J Williams	—
4	(7)	1-1	VAGUELY HIDDEN 21 (G,S) (A Paulson) O Douieb 3-9-2	Pat Eddery	88
5	(3)	40	OXALIS 10 (J Wright) G Hutter 4-8-13	G Carter	84
10	(4)		HARRY HATLER (Mrs P Pettifer) J King 3-8-8	T Quinn	—
12	(8)	0	RAISE A STAR 76 (RJ&S Styles Ltd) C Horgan 3-8-8	Paul Eddery	—
15	(5)		BE BOLD (L Holliday) H Candy 3-8-5	W Newnes	—
16	(2)		BLAKARA (Mrs P Robinson) H Candy 3-8-5	C Rutter	—
17	(1)	0-5	FINAL FLUTTER 15 (Mrs G J-Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-5	M Roberts	—

BETTING: Evens Nayrizi, 5-4 Vaguely Hidden, 8-1 Final Flutter, 12-1 Sing The Blues, Be Bold, 14-1 Blakara, 25-1 others.

1987: RAG QUEEN 3-8-5 C Asmussen (25-1) B Hills 14 ran

FORM NAYRIZI (9-8) 2nd beaten ½l by the always winner Hibernian Gold (9-8) here (1m 2f, £959, good to firm, Aug 8, 6 ran).
VAGUELY HIDDEN (9-7) kept up to his work to win by 2½l from Armeria (8-4) here (1m 2f grad, £959, good to soft, July 25, 11 ran).
OXALIS (8-12) 7th beaten 20½l by Sabatina (8-5) at Haydock (1m 2f mdn, £2031, good, Aug 5, 10 ran).
BE BOLD By Busirino, out of dam that won over seven furlongs. Is related to the useful 5f-1m 2f winner Pugnacity.
FINAL FLUTTER (8-11) was last of 6 when beaten over 13½l by Lserati (9-5) at Goodwood (1m grad, £3804, good to soft, July 3).
Selection: NAYRIZI

5.0 MANTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,977: 1m 70 yd) (16 runners)

1	(15)	23-12	MODESTY ON ICE 14 (D,BF,F) (P Hogan) L Cumani 9-7	R Cochrane	● 99
3	(5)	3214-42	INDIAN QUEEN 155 (D,G) (Sir G Brunton) W Hastings-Bass 9-2	P Cook	80
4	(14)	312-00	CAVIAR BLINI 20 (G) (Mrs W McAlpine) A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	87
5	(3)	21-500	RAVE REVIEW 18 (F) (Mrs C Gross) H Candy 8-13	W Newnes	91
6	(2)	243-0	GENERAL SILKY 142 (Exors of the late E Moller) G Wragg 8-11	Dominic Gibson	86
7	(6)	310022	PARK STREET 7 (D,BF,F) (L Salmen) P Walwyn 8-9	Pat Eddery	95
10	(16)	1-5060	BOLD TRY 35 (BF,S) (Binfield Manor Farms) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn	94
12	(12)	003	TREMMIN 32 (Mrs R Hastings) B Hills 8-7	M Hills	89
13	(13)	00-0336	MARTIAN PRINCESS 31 (H Mould) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-7	S Cauthen	98
14	(8)	50-6000	FIDDLERS GREEN 7 (M MacCarthy) T Casey 8-7	J Williams	85
16	(1)	502465	ALIPURA 20 (G) (Mrs R Allason) D Laing 8-7	G Bardwell (3)	95
18	(4)	504084	GEOFFREY'S CHOICE 7 (B) (A Perry) G Lewis 8-4	Paul Eddery	94
19	(10)	0246	EL ZULFI 10 (F Salman) P Cole 8-1	C Rutter	90
24	(11)	0-00002	COQUETA 32 (G) (G Cooke) M McCormack 7-7	J Carter (5)	94
25	(7)	000400	MOON WARRIOR 21 (P Allen) D Wilson 7-7	A Mackay	91
28	(9)	0000	MISSOURI HELEN 15 (V) (Mrs W Al Mulla) G Huffer 7-7	R Fox	—

Long handicap: Coquete 7-5, Moon Warrior 7-5, Missouri Helen 7-2.

BETTING: 9-4 Park Street, 5-2 Modesty On Ice, 5-1 Geoffrey's Choice, 11-2 Martian Princess, 8-1 Alipura, 10-1 Rave Review, 12-1 others.

1987: CAMMARINO 9-6 Pat Eddery (85-40 fav) C Wall 14 ran

FORM MODESTY ON ICE (9-7) 2nd lacked pace close home when beaten hd by Propero (9-10) at Ripon (1m 1f hcap, £3537, good, Aug 1, 8 ran).
INDIAN QUEEN (8-7) beaten 1½l by Lute Antique (9-0) at Cagnes-sur-Mer (1m 2f stks, £7960, firm, Mar 13, 10 ran).
CAVIAR BLINI (9-0) 8th beaten 11¾l by School Concert (8-9) at Yarmouth (6f hcap, £2658, good, July 26, 9 ran).
PARK STREET (9-1) 2nd just failed when beaten ½l by Golden Panda (8-12) at Nottingham (1m hcap, £2977, firm, Aug 8, 11 ran).
TREMMIN (8-11) 3rd beaten 2½l by Lexa (8-11) at Chepstow (7f mdn, £2382, good to soft, July 14, 14 ran).
ALIPURA (7-11) 5th stayed on well when beaten 7½l by Eradicate (9-0) with PARK STREET (8-1) 2nd beaten 4l at Goodwood (1m hcap, £6360, good to soft, July 26, 15 ran).
EL ZULFI (8-8) 6th beaten 14½l by Sabatina (8-5) at Haydock (1m 2f hcap, £2031, good, Aug 5, 10 ran).
COQUETA (7-6) 2nd was caught in the final furlong when beaten 2½l by Mardood (9-10) at Chepstow (1m 2f, £2553, good to soft, July 14, 8 ran).
Selection: PARK STREET

Hartington plea on doping

Increased control of doping and illegal medication is vital to the future of racing in every country where the sport is staged, Jockey Club member Lord Hartington told leading members of the American bloodstock industry yesterday.

Speaking at the Saratoga Round Table conference, organized by the New York Jockey Club, he said: "We need international co-operation at every level, on policy, on effective implementation of the rules, and on research. Only a few laboratories are involved in serious research at the moment. There is scope for a great deal more joint effort, and if all subscribe, all can reap the benefit."

Lord Hartington, who outlined recent measures taken by the British Jockey Club to improve routine dope testing procedures, continued: "The target is always moving, the pharmacist one step ahead of the analyst, and with the frontiers of science expanding all the time we are presented with an immense challenge.

"The public is looking to us, the racing authorities, for action," he went on. "Over the last 200 years the sport's governing bodies have acquired an enviable reputation for integrity and for energy in stamping out malpractice.

"Let us deal with this creeping blight of doping and medication while there is still time."

Trainer Gordon Hicks dies

Trainer Gordon Hicks collapsed and died after riding work at his East Hendred yard in Berkshire yesterday. The former head lad to David Elsworth took out a licence last November and had his first success four months later when Flutter Money won at Ludlow. Hicks served his time with Peter Payne-Gallwey and after a spell in Germany spent 15 years with Vernon Cross.

WORCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 That There. 2.45 My Cup Of Tea. 3.15 Hawaiian Heir. 3.45 Tar Knight. 4.15 Finagle. 4.45 Headin' On.

Going: firm (watering)

2.15 NIMROD NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,126: 2m) (9 runners)

6		LYNSDALE BOY 316F F Jordan 10-10	C Smith	
7	5	PARISHHOLM 5 J Douglas-Home 10-10	J White	
8	5	PHILIPPONNAT BRUT 5 Miss L Bower 10-10	Gar Lyons (7)	
10		STOCKADE 16F K Bishop 10-10	L Harvey	
11		THATS RIGHT JOAN 6F R Juckes 10-10	T Wall	
12	5	THAT THERE 9 H Rohan 10-10	M Pepper	
15	U	FAYE'S DELIGHT 9 R Juckes 10-5	W McFarland (7)	
16	9	FREE EXPRESSION 9 D White 10-5	A Carroll	
19	4	PRETTY JAY 5 W Kemp 10-5	S McKeever (7)	

9-4 Parishholm, 7-2 Pretty Jay, 4-1 That There, 11-2 Free Expression, 8-1 Stockade, 12-1 others.

2.45 POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE NOVICES CHASE (£1,602: 2m) (8)

2	3-01	MY CUP OF TEA 9 (D,F) M Pipe 5-11-2	P Scudamore	
4	/68-	BAYMOUNT 35F J Needham 7-11-0	A O'Hagan	
6	P3P-	FATHER PADDY 77 J Webber 6-11-0	G Mernagh	
7	F53-	LAURENBEL 61 N Mitchell 7-11-0	N Coleman	
8	F04-	LONDON WINDOWS 93 J M Morris 6-11-0	Mr A Huntley	
11	P-03	SHOUT 9 (D,F,G) Miss S Wilton 8-11-0	G McCourt	
13	0U-3	HALLOWED 9 P Pritchard 6-10-9	R Stronge	
14	35-2	LYSITHEA 11 W Turner 7-10-9	H Davies	

5-4 My Cup Of Tea, 4-1 Lysithea, 5-1 Shout, 13-2 Hallowed, 12-1 Laurenbel, 14-1 others.

3.15 ENIGMA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,400: 2m) (10)

6	225-	SEVEN SWALLOWS 73 (D,S) H Collingridge 7-11-10	T Pinfield	
8	-122	HAWAIIAN HEIR 2 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) W Clay 9-11-9 (7ex)	Diane Clay	
9	21-3	ALL INTENT 14 (D,F) G Thorner 5-11-8	W McFarland	
12	553-	CRIMSON LADY 73 P Rodford 7-11-4	W Irvine	
14	F80-	ROYAL EFFIGY 72 R Weaver 5-11-2	Vicky Salt	
15	51-1	MISS BRANTRIDGE 4 (D,F) J Colston 6-11-9 (7ex)	—	
18	UF-0	KOOL LOOK 14 (D,F) R Manning 9-11-1	G Morgan	
19	65S/	WARILY 472 (D,F,S) P Arthur 10-10-12	S Hickey	
21	05-2	PATCHOULI'S PET 12 (D,F) W Morris 5-10-8	A Mulholland	
22	59-4	NEON 16 J L Harris 7-10-8	Vicky Harris	

5-2 Miss Brantridge, 3-1 All Intent, 9-2 Hawaiian Heir, 6-1 Patchouli's Pet, 8-1 Crimson Lady, 10-1 others.

3.45 EDWARD ELGAR HANDICAP CHASE (£2,040: 3m) (8)

1	12-5	TAR KNIGHT 16 (D,F,G) M Skinner 11-11-10	R Dunwoody	
4	114-	OWEN GLENDOWER 89 (CD,BF,F,G,S) R Holder	11-11-7 N Coleman	
5	3-24	DONAGHMOYNE 4 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Bower	11-11-5 Ger Lyons (7)	
6	061-	ASIA MINOR 79 (D,F,G) C Hastings 8-11-1	R Hyett	
9	4-P1	SCOTS LAD 11 (F) D Jermy 7-11-0 (bex)	R Stronge	
10	P15/	ROSEBERRY BOY 448 (F) R Weaver 11-10-13	C Llewellyn	
11	2P-4	JIMMY MIFF 11 (CD,F,G,S) I Wardle 10-10-8	M Williams	
12	53-5	CITADEL ROC 11 (B,D,F,S) J Bradley 13-10-5	G Davies	

2-1 Scots Lad, 11-4 Tar Knight, 4-1 Owen Glendower, 11-2 Jimmy Miff, 12-1 Asia Minor, 14-1 others.

4.15 CHANSON NOVICES HURDLE (£685: 2m 4f) (9)

2	5-04	BOLD ANSWER 2 W Clay 5-11-0	Diane Clay (7)	
4	6-5F	DUELLING 5 (V) C Holmes 7-11-0	A Webb	
5	30-5	EAGLE TAVERN 11 (F) R Manning 9-11-0	G Morgan (7)	
7	FP-0	MATCHLESSLY 9 P Pritchard 5-11-0	B Powell	
9	03-2	SPEEDY BOY 5 (V) G Enright 5-11-0	M Perrett	
10	3-52	WAYWARD SINGER 2 (BF) J Costello 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	
12		FINAGLE 345F M Pipe 4-10-11	P Scudamore	
13	00-0	SQUIRE JIM 9 R Brazington 4-10-11	R J Beggan	
17	400-	DODINGTON BELLE 172 D Jermy 4-10-6	M Williams	

11-8 Finagle, 100-30 Speedy Boy, 5-1 Duelling, 13-2 Bold Answer, 12-1 others.

4.45 GERONTIUS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,785: 2m 4f) (5)

3	4-11	HEADIN' ON 4 (F) K White 8-11-13 (10ex)	A O'Hagan	
4	65-2	MARANZI 9 (CD,F,G,S) J Colston 10-11-10	G McCourt	
9	F2-B	JAY-ZEE BOY 8 (F) J Bradley 6-10-13	G Davies	
10	PU-4	NEWGROVE LAD 14 (F,G) J Bradley 13-10-12	Mr T Jones (7)	
12	00-3	THE DIPLOMAT 14 (F,G,S) W Kemp 10-10-8	S McKeever (7)	

7-4 Headin' On, 3-1 Maranzi, 4-1 The Diplomat, 5-1 Jay-Zee Boy, 8-1 Newgrove Lad.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Holder, 15 winners from 62 runners, 24.2%; M Pipe, 13 from 79, 16.5%; F Jordan, 5 from 32, 15.6%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: N Coleman, 11 winners from

CYCLING: LEADER TAKES FULL ADVANTAGE OF HIS PROTECTED POSITION TO RESIST McLOUGHLIN'S LAST CHALLENGE

Colleagues carry Elliott to success

By Peter Bryan

Malcolm Elliott, leader from the prologue time trial in Newcastle on Tuesday, raced to overall victory yesterday in the Kellogg's Tour of Britain. He was eighteenth, finishing in comfort after having avoided a crash as the field of 61 took a right-hander into Whitehall for the last time.

His task during the 62 one-mile laps of the Westminster circuit had been to take advantage of the protection of his Fagor team, stay upright and match every move made by his closest rival and last year's winner, Joey McLoughlin.

He was the first to acknowledge the help of his team, not only in yesterday's deciding stage but throughout the race; they kept the speed high yesterday to make it more difficult for any challengers to mount attacks.

The four Fagors, led by Stephen Roche, were rarely off the front of the pack with the strong man of the quartet, Sean Yates, doing the great proportion of the pace-setting.

It was this demonstration of teamwork that eliminated any chance of McLoughlin, who was only 22 seconds behind Elliott on overall time, making good the deficit. There was one period when both he and Elliott were among a break-away group of 17 but Fagor allowed no escapes.

McLoughlin made one small improvement over Elliott on time when he gained a four-second bonus for fourth place in the final sprint to the line, which won by the Dutchman, Jacques Hanegraaf, from Sean Kelly, and another Dutchman, Henri Manders.

Elliott had decided not to concern himself with a leading place in the sprint. "It didn't interest me at all," he said. "There was too much at risk. I just needed to stay upright to be certain of winning."

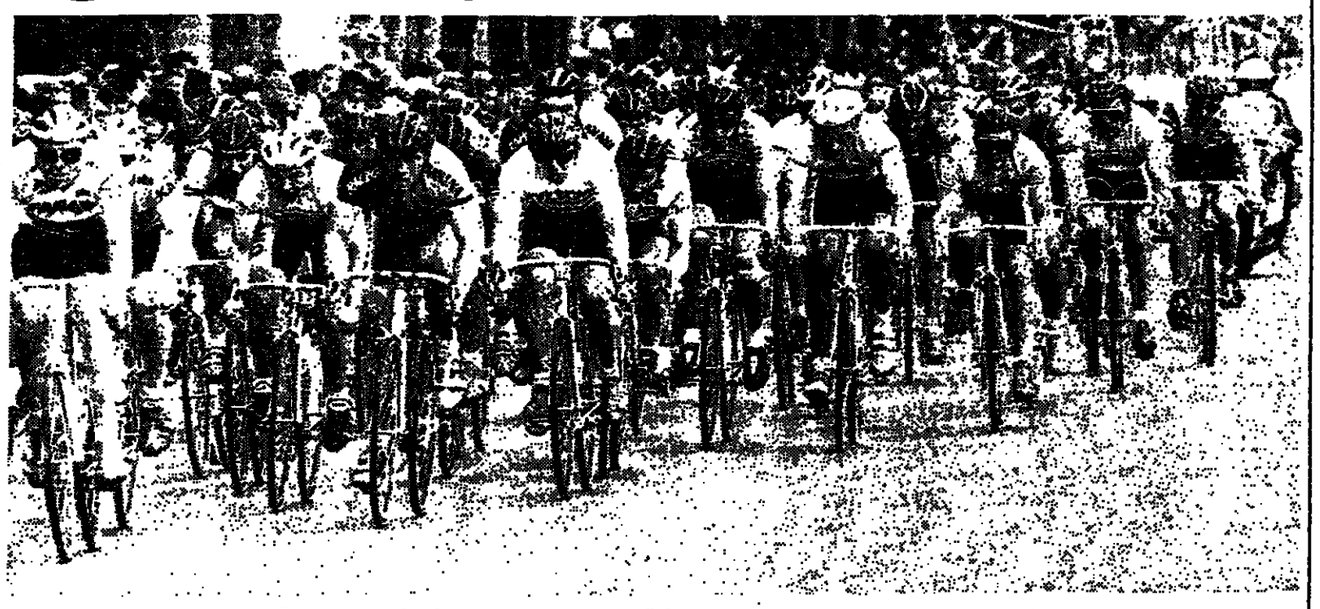
One rider did not remain upright. Mark Walsham, the British city-centre champion, was brought down, crashing into a straw bail as the field swept into Whitehall for the last time.

In the jockeying, one rider swung right causing others to brake. In the mêlée, Walsham was unable to hold his line and crashed. But he had to finish in order to qualify for the sprinters' award, for which he was in the lead, having overtaken Nick Barnes during the afternoon.

It was five minutes before Walsham, with a helping hand, was pushed down Whitehall to meet the formality of finishing. He had injured his right shoulder in the crash but did not immediately go to hospital for an X-ray.

Elliott, whose prizes included a car worth £10,000, has no plans to join the Fagor team which is committed to races in France before the world professional road-race championship in Belgium in two weeks. He will concentrate instead on training abroad.

RESULTS (GB and Ire unless stated): Fifth stage (Saturday): Birmingham to Bristol: 1, T Wegmueller (Switz, Kas), 7hr 23min 1sec; 2, J Mantrin (Fra, Kas), at 1sec; 3, S Kelly (Kas), 4, M Gayant (Fra, Toshiba); 5, M Elliot (Fagor); 6, F Hoste (Bel, ADR); 7 J McLoughlin (Z Peugeot); 8, C Whorton (Royale); 10, J Clay (PMS). Sixth stage: Westminster circuit race: 1, J Hanegraas (Neth, Toshiba), 2hr 28min 55sec; 2, Kelly; 3, H Manders (Neth, Weinmann); 4, McLoughlin; 5, D Miller (Michelin); 6, P Verschuere (Bel, ADR); 7, N Barnes (PMS-Davies); 8, N Smith (Royale Chasse); 9, M Lemeire (Bel, ADR); 10, S Day (Royale Chasse), all same time. Overall: 1, Elliott, 30hr 35min 37sec; 2, McLoughlin, at 18 seconds; 3, Kelly, 34; 4, S Yates (Fagor) 55; 5, T Wegmueller, 37; 6, S Roche (Fagor), 48; 7, S Hoste (Bel, ADR), 50; 8, D Webster (PMS-Dawes), 53; 9, F Vichot (Fr, Weinmann), 56; 10, S Hodge (Aus, Kas), 55; 11, Gayant, 56; 12, M Gianetti (Switz, Weinmann), 1min 01sec; 13, H Abadie (Fr, Z Peugeot), 1.03; 14, M Madiot (Fr, Toshiba), 1.08; 15, R Holden (Percy Bilton), 1.13. Teams: 1, Kas, 91hr 44min 25sec; 2, Fagor at 4min 44sec; 3, Z Peugeot, 4.55. TV Times Sprint: 1, M Walsham (Percy Bilton), 40pts; 2, Barnes, 36; 3, Elliott, 20. Mountains: 1, M Gianetti; 2, S Hodge (Kas); 3, Kelly. Points: 1, McLoughlin 88pts; 2, Elliott, 76; 3, Kelly 62.



Closing line: competitors on the Westminster circuit set their sights on the finish of the six-stage Kellogg's Tour of Britain (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

GOLF

Descampe victory spells delight in any language

From Patricia Davies, Rungsted, Denmark

Florence Descampe, a French-speaking Belgian, held her hand to her head and broke into Italian as she tried to come to terms with her victory in the Danish Women's Open here yesterday. "Mama mia," was all she could manage, and it just about summed up a remarkable victory.

Descampe, aged 19, was playing in her second event as a professional, having missed the cut in her first, the British Open.

She overwhelmed the opposition, including two US Open champions, with a second nine of 31, six under par, for a 66 that left her on 285, three under and four shots ahead of Britain's Laura Davies, Liselotte Neumann, of Sweden, and Peggy Conley, of the United States.

Descampe became the youngest player to win a European Tour event, which earned her £9,000 and left her wondering what the rest of her so-called apprenticeship would hold.

Having won the European women's amateur title at Pedrena in June, she and her father, who owns a golf course near Brussels, left the amateur ranks after the European junior team championship last month to experience the professional way of life.

"We felt I would then be more ready for next season than if I waited to play in the world amateur team championship in September, when there would be a lot of pressure on me to do well as European champion," Descampe explained, admitting that this early win had astounded her.

She was well aware that Davies was immediately behind her and Conley, her playing partner, became a possible threat when she had an eagle three at the 16th to move to one over par.

Davies, also one over, was waiting on the fairway to launch her eagle-seeking second shot and Descampe, two under at that stage, faced a three-foot putt to save her par five. She sank it, gave a little gesture of delight and hurried to the next tee.

The young Belgian, who bounces round the course with back ramrod straight, pigtail streaming behind her, was three over par at the start of the day, three shots behind the joint leaders Beverley New and Marie Wennersten.

Descampe had birdies at the first two holes but had bogeys at the seventh and eighth and after nine holes was still three behind the new leaders, Davies and Dale Reid of Scotland.

Reid crashed out of contention when she started home bogey, double bogey and Davies dropped a shot at the 11th. Descampe, meanwhile, was supercharged, reeling off four consecutive birdie threes from the 10th and throwing in a birdie two at the 15th

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 285: F Descampe (Bel) 70, 73, 75, 66. 288: L Neumann (Swe) 74, 71, 76, 68; P Conley (US) 72, 73, 74, 70; L Davies 72, 74, 73, 70. 290: R Comstock (US) 71, 77, 71, 71. 291: D Reid 71, 70, 78, 72; K Lunn (Aus) 75, 70, 73, 73; M Wennersten (Swe) 69, 71, 76, 75. 292: D Heinche (US) 73, 77, 71, 71; A Nicholas 70, 74, 76, 72; C Duffy 72, 74, 72, 74. 293: M-L de Toya (Fr) 68, 71, 78, 76; B New 70, 69, 77, 77. 294: X Wunsch (Ger) 72, 69, 79, 77. 295: M Thomson 74, 72, 75, 73. 296: M Garner 75, 69, 81, 71; R Lautens (Swe) 73, 75, 76, 72. 297: C Panton 75, 72, 78, 72; T Abitbol (Sp) 74, 74, 73, 76.

CRICKET: VICTORY ON A FASTER SCORING RATE KEEPS MIDDLESEX ON TOP OF REFUGE ASSURANCE LEAGUE BUT WORCESTERSHIRE STAY IN CONTENTION

Middlesex survive late scare

By Richard Streeton

LORD'S (Gloucestershire won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Gloucestershire on faster scoring rate

Middlesex retained their lead in the Refuge Assurance League yesterday although Gloucestershire gave them a terrible fright by finishing only five runs short of their revised target of 173 in 34 overs.

The final destination of the title remains open, but Middlesex are now assured of a place in the first four, who contest the new Refuge knock-out cup.

Gloucestershire's original requirement was 204 before rain interrupted play with the score 50 for two.Another 123 from 20 overs was needed on the resumption. For a long time the batsmen were held in check by tight bowling and three more wickets fell in the murky light.

When Wright and Alleyene came together 67 runs were wanted from eight overs and this was reduced to 49 from four before the real drama began.

Gloucestershire wanted 14 from the last six balls bowled by Fraser.. Wright straight drove two and was then caught on the extra cover boundary.Six runs came off the next three balls. Alleyene had to hit the last for six to give his team victory but he could only straight drive a single.

Middlesex will be relieved to have won. Slack and Carr began with 75 in 18 overs for the first wicket but once they were separated wickets continued to fall regularly.In the end Downton provided much needed late acceleration.

Slack initially set the pace before Carr began to drive forcefully off his legs until he was caught at short mid-on.Gatting lifted Pooley, a newcomer, for six over a short square-leg boundary before Bainbridge bowled him.

MIDDLESEX

W N Slack b Pooley	53
J D Carr c Curran b Bainbridge	37
*M W Gatting b Bainbridge	10
R O Butcher c Romaines b Pooley	14
J E Emburey run out	8
†P R Downton not out	36
K R Brown c Russell b Curran	2
J F Sykes lbw b Curran	5
S P Hughes run out	13
A R C Fraser not out	9
Extras (lb 16, w 2)	18
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	203

N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-89, 3-110, 4-124, 5-137, 6-149, 7-157, 8-187.

BOWLING: Greene 8-0-48-0; Jarvis 8-1-38-0; Curran 8-0-31-2; Bainbridge 8-0-30-2; Pooley 8-0-40-2.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A W Stovold b Cowans	24
†R C Russell run out	2
P Bainbridge c and b Emburey	17
K M Curran c Sykes b Emburey	32
P W Romaines b Hughes	6
A J Wright c Brown b Fraser	46
M W Alleyne not out	24
V S Greene not out	5
Extras (lb 7, w 5)	12
Total (6 wkts, 34 overs)	168

M W Pooley, *D A Graveney and K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-38, 3-64, 4-86, 5-106, 6-161.

BOWLING: Fraser 6-0-24-1; Cowans 8-0-27-1; Emburey 8-0-31-2; Hughes 8-0-51-1; Sykes 4-0-22-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and K E Palmer.

Refuge Assurance League table

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Middlesex (10)	15	9	2	0	4	44
Worcestershire (1)	14	10	3	0	1	42
Lancashire (9)	14	9	3	0	2	40
Gloucs (3)	14	8	4	0	2	36
Surrey (7)	14	7	4	1	2	34
Glamorgan (14)	14	7	4	1	2	34
Kent (6)	14	6	5	0	3	30
Yorkshire (12)	15	6	7	0	2	28
Warwickshire (8)	14	6	6	1	1	28
Essex (14)	14	6	6	1	1	28
Somerset (4)	14	6	7	0	1	26
Hampshire (7)	15	6	8	0	1	26
Sussex (14)	15	4	6	2	1	22
Northants (10)	14	4	7	0	3	22
Derbyshire (5)	14	4	7	1	2	22
Leicestershire (12)	14	2	9	0	3	14
Notts (2)	15	2	11	0	2	12

1987 positions in brackets

Hick provides limited pleasure in hollow win

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

SWANSEA (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by seven wickets

This should have been one of the highlights of the Refuge Assurance League season. Instead, sabotaged by the weather, it turned into the kind of casino cricket which gives the Sunday game a bad reputation.

Worcestershire will not mind, as this gift of a win nourishes their pursuit of an unprecedented treble. The losers, in every sense, were Glamorgan.

In sharp contrast to their barren championship efforts, Glamorgan's limited-overs form has been consistently good all season. Victory yesterday would have meant a great deal, not least the real chance of a trophy in their centenary year, but the dream was demolished in a cruel and curious fashion, designed to baffle many in a crowd greatly diminished by the return of winter.

Play began more than two hours late due to the effects of rain, the overs reduced to 22 per side. Worcestershire won the toss and inevitably chose to bowl first, but things were not going to their liking, with Glamorgan on 73 for one in the tenth over, when a heavy shower came to their rescue.

Amid much confusion, and some frenzied shifting of covers by Glamorgan executives, the umpires ruled that this match must be abandoned and a new one, of just 11 overs per side, begun.

This was enough of a disappointment, but when Phil Neale won the toss again, Hugh Morris's disconsolate trudge back to the pavilion told a graphic tale. Batting second is an incalculable advantage when a cricket match is reduced to a shameless slog and Morris, Glamorgan's young captain, must have felt circumstances conspiring against him.

John Hopkins, who has been batting in cavalier style in the aborted game, managed only nine runs second time around, but the crucial loss, in the fourth over, was Maynard. He had already created a new Glamorgan record for limited overs runs in a season, beating Javed Miandad's 751, but he had made little further headway before mistiming a drive against Pridgeon.

Despite gathering 27 off two overs in mid-innings, Glamorgan never looked likely to achieve the score in excess of 100 which they needed to tax Worcestershire's batting. Graeme Hick bowled two tidy overs of off-spin at an important stage and, with only 82 to chase, he predictably opened the batting himself.

Hick was briefly overshadowed by O'Shaughnessy, but when two wickets were lost for two runs, he took command in an effortless manner which suggested he was simply waiting for a challenge meriting his attention.

He played the shot of the day, depositing Derrick out of the ground onto the Mumbles Road, and pulled the winning boundary with five balls to spare. Hick, as so often, was on a different plane to everyone else but he will take only limited pleasure from such a hollow win.

GLAMORGAN

J A Hopkins c D'Oliveira b Pridgeon	9
M P Maynard c Curtis b Pridgeon	11
R J Shastri c and b O'Shaughnessy	18
G C Holmes not out	28
R C Ontong c Rhodes b Hick	1
J G Thomas c Pridgeon b O'Shaughnessy	7
*H Morris not out	4
Extras (lb 1, w 2)	3
Total (5 wkts, 11 overs)	81

S Watkin, J Derrick, †C P Metson and S R Berwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-25, 3-61, 4-63, 5-72.

BOWLING: Newport 1-0-10-0; Pridgeon 2-0-11-2; Illingworth 3-0-22-0; McEwan 1-0-14-0; O'Shaughnessy 2-0-12-2; Hick 2-0-11-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE

G A Hick not out	42
S J O'Shaughnessy c Shastri b Derrick	25
D B D'Oliveira c Maynard b Ontong	1
*P A Neale c Metson b Thomas	8
M J Weston not out	3
Extras (lb 2, w 4)	6
Total (3 wkts, 10.1 overs)	85

T S Curtis, †S J Rhodes, P J Newport, R K Illingworth, S M McEwan and A P Pridgeon did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-45, 3-76.

BOWLING: Thomas 2-0-13-1; Barwick 2-0-13-0; Ontong 3-0-17-1; Watkin 1-0-13-0; Derrick 2-0-23-1; Holmes 0.1-0-4-0.

Umpires: D G L Evans and A G T Whitehead

Hughes is reminded of the past

By Ivo Tennant

Whatever he achieves as captain of Lancashire — and he has proved to be an inspired choice — David Hughes will always be associated with taking 24 off an over to enable his county to win a Gillette Cup semi-final in 1971.

It was especially memorable because nightfall was imminent. Yesterday, with Lancashire in contention for another trophy, the Refuge Assurance League, he found himself in a similar situation.

It was dark and pouring with rain at Hove, where Lancashire needed 219 runs to beat Sussex. Until Watkinson made 58 off 36 balls, they were struggling to keep up with requirements. Hughes did not quite repeat his feat of 1971, but he still managed to shepherd, or rather hit, his county to victory.

Needing six an over and then a run a ball off the last two overs, they won with two balls to spare. Hughes took the winning runs off Clarke, the leg spinner, who was given the last over.

As for the gloaming and rain, it affected other matches. At Edgbaston, Warwickshire beat Leicestershire by seven wickets in a match reduced to 36 overs a side. Reeve, formerly of Sussex, took four for 17 and made an unbeaten 24 in a low-scoring contest.

At Bournemouth, Hampshire beat Northamptonshire by eight wickets in a match reduced to 20 overs a side. Northamptonshire struggled to make much of a score — 94 for six — which was palpably not enough.

Elsewhere, there was a century by Maark Waugh, brother of Steve, in his first match for Essex against Nottinghamshire and a splendid partnership between Tavare (82) and Graham Cowdrey (50), which enabled Kent to beat Derbyshire at Chesterfield.

Seoul selections

Budapest (AFP) — Hungary is to send 162 men and 39 women to compete in the Olympics, the Hungarian Olympic Committee announced on Saturday. They will take part in 19 events.

Bullen adds bite to Surrey batting

By Simon Wilde

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): The Sri Lankans, with all their second-innings wickets in hand, are 20 runs ahead of Surrey

The Sri Lankans found that Surrey's tail had more wag to it yesterday than they might like to anticipate from England's usually feline version in the Test match at Lord's next week.

After the county's first seven wickets had fallen for 94 runs, the remainder circumspectly produced a further 148. When Sri Lanka went in again, Silva and Kuruppu made 43 runs either side of a break of 55 minutes for bad light.

Chris Bullen, who batted for 228 minutes was 59 not out and shared in three stands of substance: 60 with Medlycott, who also made a half-century, 54 with Martin Bicknell and 34 with Frost, the last of which established a slender lead.

Bullen, who finished six short of his highest score, and Martin Bicknell, whose 33 was his best, both played elegant shots, taking advantage of the short boundary on one side of the ground.

In view of the proposed deal to save the Oval, the positioning of the square may have been a strategy designed to put in A Word For Our Sponsor, for the ball regularly found its way to a Foster's hoarding in front of the gasometer.

One or two wide balls from Ahangama were helpful in this respect before Madugalle, his captain, whose favourite tipple is more likely to be tea than lager, took him off.

Earlier, Surrey, who started the day at 49 for four, had lost more quick wickets as Labrooy, Ahangama and Samarasekera each claimed a victim in his first over of the morning.

Labrooy's wicket in the second over of the session, gave him a spell of four for 18 from 9.1 overs, having the previous evening broken the bat of Surrey's batting by dismissing Darren Bicknell, Robinson and Stewart, the only capped player on view for Surrey and acting captain for the county, who fielded a much-depleted side.

Generally, the Sri Lankan attack lacked penetration and imagination on a pitch of lively bounce. Madurusinghe, the off-spinner, bowled tidily, as did Samarasekera, whose place for the Test was safeguarded by a robust century off 124 balls on Saturday.

SRI LANKANS: First Innings

D S B P Kuruppu c Stewart b Frost	5
†S A R Silva lbw b M P Bicknell	3
M A R Samarasekera c Bullen b Feltham	104
A Ranatunga c Medlycott b M P Bicknell	9
*R S Madugalle c Brown b Feltham	44
L R D Mendis lbw b Frost	0
H P Tillekaratne run out	22
R J Ratnayeke b Bullen	5
R Madurusinghe b Feltham	3
G F Labrooy b M P Bicknell	18
F S Ahangama not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 2)	6
Total	219

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-10, 3-36, 4-154, 5-155, 6-183, 7-192, 8-197, 9-219.

BOWLING: Frost 10-2-28-2; M P Bicknell 22-4-66-3; Feltham 22 3-6-52-3; Robinson 3-0-16-0; Bullen 13-5-14-1; Medlycott 6-0-37-0.

Second innings

D S B P Kuruppu not out	21
†S A R Silva not out	17
Extras (b 4, lb 1)	5
Total (no wkt)	43

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Madugalle b Labrooy	5
J Robinson c Silva b Labrooy	18
*A J Stewart c Silva b Labrooy	1
D M Ward c Silva b Ahangama	10
†G E Brown c Ahangama b Labrooy	10
Zahid Sadiq b Ahangama	16
K T Medlycott c Madurusinghe b Ratnayeke	51
M A Feltham c Labrooy b Samarasekera	15
C K Bullen not out	59
M P Bicknell c Silva b Samarasekera	33
M Frost c Tillekeratne b Samarasekera	7
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 6)	17
Total	242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-27, 3-28, 4-44, 5-51, 6-75, 7-84, 8-154, 9-208.

BOWLING: Ratnayeka 20-2-59-1; Labrooy 29-6-86-4; Ahangama 13-3-36-2; Samarasekera 15.4-4-31-3; Madurusinghe 13-5-21-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and K Taylor.

Atherton shows his worth

By Ivo Tennant

Sooner or later Michael Atherton was bound to show Lancashire how wrong they were to leave him out of their side when he came down from Cambridge. His career-best score on Saturday, an unbeaten 152, was also his first century for his county.

To Lancashire's credit, they are prepared to bat him regularly at first wicket down. Atherton put on an unbroken stand of 132 for the seventh wicket with Austin, bringing about four bonus points and setting up a declaration. Sussex lost a wicket in reply.

Border scored his sixth century of the summer for Essex against Nottinghamshire and Curran made 142 out of 268 for Gloucestershire against Middlesex. No one has done more than Border to lift Essex into contention: he ensured another four points on this, the first day of Colchester week.

Curran's innings of 142 was his highest score but the shots were the ones he has been deploying throughout his career: he bludgeons the ball to the boundary. As with the Essex innings, no one else reached a half-century.

There were maximum bonus points, too, for Kent, the leaders: They bowled Derbyshire out for 262. Iggleden, who has been injury-prone all season, took the new ball and three wickets and there were four more for Penn.

Rain interrupted play in this match, as it did at Abergavenny, Worcestershire,who are in second place, put Glamorgan in and had them 92 for six before Ontong and Thomas steadied the innings.

At Scarborough each of the four Yorkshire batsmen who had an innings against Somerset almost scored a century. Metcalfe and Byas were each out for 98 and Moxon and Robinson reached 81.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Yorks v Somerset

SCARBOROUGH (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Yorkshire by two runs

SOMERSET

J J E Hardy c Blakey b Fletcher	30
G D Rose b Shaw	10
J G Wyatt run out	89
S R Waugh run out	38
R J Bartlett b Fletcher	23
V J Marks not out	11
N D Burns run out	22
M A Nallender not out	5
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 1, nb 1)	7
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	235

M W Cleal, P W Jones and C H Dredge did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-61, 3-135, 4-194, 5-195, 6-226.

BOWLING: Sidebottom 8-0-45-0; Shaw 8-1-40-1; Fletcher 8-0-37-2; Hartley 5-0-40-0; Moxon 3-0-18-0; Carrick 8-0-50-0.

YORKSHIRE

K Sharp c Burns b Rose	29
A A Metcalfe lbw b Dredge	2
P E Robinson c and b Marks	51
D Byas lbw b Jones	0
M D Moxon c Dredge b Jones	66
†R J Blakey lbw b Marks	25
*P Carrick c Wyatt b Dredge	21
P J Hartley b Nallender	11
A Sidebottom b Jones	1
C Shaw not out	13
S D Fletcher not out	2
Extras (lb 8, w 2)	10
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-61, 3-66, 4-92, 5-143, 6-182, 7-200, 8-209, 9-224.

BOWLING: Dredge 8-0-40-2; Nallender 8-2-30-1; Rose 7-0-42-1; Jones 8-0-46-3; Marks 7-0-50-2; Cleal 2-0-17-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and N T Plews.

Hants v Northants

BOURNEMOUTH (Hampshire won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Northamptonshire on faster scoring rate

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

R J Bailey c C L Smith b James	12
W Larkins b Bakker	3
A Fordham run out	23
D J Wild lbw b James	0
*G Cook c R A Smith b Ayling	37
M R Gouldstone c R A Smith b Bakker	11
†D Ripley not out	2
Extras (lb 5, w 1)	6
Total (6 wkts, 20 overs)	94

S J Brown, D K Lillee, N G P Cook and A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-16, 3-18, 4-67, 5-91, 6-94.

BOWLING: James 5-0-10-2; Bakker 8-0-44-2; Tremlett 2-0-6-0; Ayling 5-0-29-1.

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c Lillee b Brown	20
D R Turner not out	47
R A Smith c Larkins b N G B Cook	21
C L Smith not out	4
Extras (lb 4, w 1)	5
Total (2 wkts, 18.4 overs)	97

*M C J Nicholas, J R Ayling, K D James, †A N Aymes, T M Tremlett, N G Cowley and P J Bakker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-93.

BOWLING: Lillee 6-0-31-0; Walker 4-0-17-0; Brown 5-0-25-1; N G B Cook 3.4-0-19-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and M J Kitchen.

Derbyshire v Kent

CHESTERFIELD (Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Derbyshire by seven wickets

DERBYSHIRE

P D Bowler lbw b G R Cowdrey	42
J E Morris b Davis	20
†B J M Maher b Davis	6
S C Goldsmith c G R Cowdrey b Ellison	23
*M A Holding c Marsh b G R Cowdrey	2
B Roberts not out	40
R Sharma c Marsh b Alleyne	30
A E Warner b Alleyne	0
F A Griffiths b Alleyne	9
S J Base not out	1
Extras (lb 8, w 3)	11
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	184

O H Mortensen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-68, 3-75, 4-80, 5-104, 6-153, 7-163, 8-175.

BOWLING: Alleyne 8-0-34-3; Penn 4-0-20-0; G R Cowdrey 8-0-20-2; Davis 8-0-22-2; Ellison 5-0-40-1; C S Cowdrey 7-0-40-0.

KENT

M R Benson c Roberts b Griffiths	8
†S A Marsh c Maher b Mortensen	6
C J Tavaré not out	82
*C S Cowdrey c Sharma b Base	20
S G Hinks c Holding b Base	4
G R Cowdrey not out	50
Extras (lb 8, w 6, nb 2)	16
Total (4 wkts, 37.3 overs)	186

N R Taylor, H L Alleyne, C Penn, R M Ellison and R P Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-19, 3-52, 4-57.

BOWLING: Mortensen 8-2-15-1; Holding 6.3-0-45-0; Griffith 8-0-50-1; Base 8-0-30-2; Warner 7-0-38-0.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and D R Shepherd.

Warwicks v Leics

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Leicestershire by seven wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE

L Potter c Pierson b Munton	0
N E Briers c Humpage b Merrick	8
P Hepworth c Tedstone b Reeve	15
J J Whitaker b Munton	13
*D I Gower st Tedstone b Pierson	30
P Willey lbw b Reeve	7
P A J DeFreitas c and b Reeve	1
†P Whitticase c Tedstone b Reeve	0
J P Agnew st Tedstone b Pierson	9
L Tennant c and b Pierson	5
L B Taylor not out	2
Extras (lb 9, w 10)	19
Total (35.2 overs)	109

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-15, 3-39, 4-60, 5-80, 6-87, 7-88, 8-88, 9-105.

BOWLING: Merrick 8-2-21-1; Munton 8-1-17-2; Small 8-0-24-0; Reeve 6-1-17-4; Pierson 7.2-2-21-3.

WARWICKSHIRE

*T A Lloyd b Tennant	18
G W Humpage c Whitticase b Taylor	28
Asif Din b Agnew	0
D A Thorne not out	35
D A Reeve not out	24
Extras (lb 5, w 2)	7
Total (3 wkts, 31.1 overs)	110

S D Myles, †G A Tedstone, G C Small, A T Merrick, T A Munton and A R K Pierson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-39, 3-66.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-0-22-0; Tennant 8-2-18-1; Agnew 7.1-1-29-1; Willey 6-1-18-0; Taylor 4-0-20-1.

Umpires: R Julian and R Palmer.

Sussex v Lancashire

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Sussex by five wickets

SUSSEX

*P W G Parker c Fowler b Watkinson	4
M P Speight b Akram	37
C M Wells c and b Watkinson	65
A P Wells run out	51
I J Gould c Simmons b Akram	8
A C S Pigott not out	12
N J Lenham not out	4
Extras (lb 10, w 3, nb 4)	17
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	218

†P Moores, S J S Kimber, A R Clarke and A M Babington did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-65, 3-191, 4-192, 5-203.

BOWLING: Watkinson 8-1-41-2; Allott 7-0-26-0; Austin 8-0-45-0; Akram 8-0-39-2; Simmons 7-0-38-0; Hayhurst 2-0-18-0.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis run out	51
G Fowler b Pigott	26
M A Atherton not out	152
N H Fairbrother b Bunting	18
M Watkinson c Parker b Pigott	16
*D P Hughes lbw b Bunting	0
A N Hayhurst c Green b C M Wells	30
I D Austin not out	57
Extras (lb 16, w 4, nb 2)	22
Total (6 wkts dec, 100 overs)	337

†W K Hegg, P J W Allott and J Simmons did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-82, 3-93, 4-130, 5-137, 6-205.

BOWLING: Pigott 23-3-102-2; Bunting 21-3-58-2; Babington 18-8-45-0; C M Wells 15-3-35-1; Clarke 7.4-1-32-1; Kimber 8-0-50-2.

Umpires: B J Meyer and B Leadbeater.

Essex v Notts

COLCHESTER (Nottinghamshire won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 77 runs

ESSEX

G A Gooch c Newell b Cooper	2
P J Prichard c Newell b Mike	36
M E Waugh c Cooper b K P Evans	103
D R Pringle c Newell b K P Evans	8
A W Lilley c Newell b K P Evans	11
M Hussain b Stephenson	30
†D E East not out	29
N A Foster not out	0
Extras (lb 1, lb 11, w 4, nb 1)	17
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	236

*K W R Fletcher, G Miller and T D Topley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-47, 3-57, 4-89, 5-199, 6-225.

BOWLING: Cooper 8-0-39-1; Fraser-Darling 8-0-48-0; Mike 8-1-57-1; K P Evans 8-1-26-3; Stephenson 8-0-54-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B C Broad c East b Topley	11
*R T Robinson c Hussain b Waugh	49
†M Newell run out	9
D W Randall c East b Waugh	0
J D Birch c Gooch b Topley	21
R J Evans c Gooch b Topley	7
F D Stephenson not out	41
C D Fraser-Darling c Fletcher b Topley	10
K P Evans lbw b Topley	2
G W Mike lbw b Topley	0
K E Cooper not out	3
Extras (b , lb , w , nb)	6
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	159

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-52, 3-52, 4-73, 5-101, 6-101, 7-138, 8-148, 9-148.

BOWLING: Topley 8-0-33-6; Foster 7-1-15-0; Pringle 7-0-18-0; Miller 8-1-36-0; Waugh 4-0-16-2; Gooch 5-0-33-0; Luley 1-0-3-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J H Harris.

Derbyshire v Kent

CHESTERFIELD (Kent won toss): Derbyshire have scored 262 against Kent

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

T J G O'Gorman c Hinks b Ellison	27
P D Bowler c Marsh b Penn	53
†B J M Maher lbw b Iggleden	22
J E Morris c Penn b Pienaar	1
S C Goldsmith c Davis b Penn	33
B Roberts lbw b Iggleden	58
R Sharma c Marsh b Ellison	43
A E Warner lbw b Iggleden	0
*M A Holding c Marsh b Penn	7
O H Mortensen not out	3
D E Malcolm c Hinks b Penn	8
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 2)	9
Total (90.4 overs)	262

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-87, 3-88, 4-125, 5-148, 6-231, 7-231, 8-247, 9-255.

BOWLING: Iggleden 21-4-47-3; Penn 24-4-12-43-4; Ellison 18-4-89-2; Pienaar 19-3-57-1; Davis 3-0-8-0; Cowdrey 5-1-14-0.

KENT: M R Benson, N R Taylor, C J Tavaré, R F Pienaar, S G Hinks, *C S Cowdrey, A P Iggleden, †S A Marsh, R M Ellison, C Penn, R P Davis.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 3, Kent 4

Umpires: J C Balderstone and D R Shepherd

SCOREBOARDS FROM SATURDAY'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Sussex v Lancashire

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Sussex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 333 runs behind Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis run out	14
G Fowler b Pigott	26
M A Atherton not out	152
N H Fairbrother b Bunting	18
M Watkinson c Parker b Pigott	16
*D P Hughes lbw b Bunting	0
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Atherton shows his worth

By [illegible] Times

CHAMPIONSHIP

FOOTBALL: GRAHAM'S MEN PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT BUT TOTTENHAM DISPLAY OMINOUS SIGNS OF FRAILTY

Arsenal rise to the challenge

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Arsenal are growing ever closer to realizing their potential; Tottenham Hotspur remain far from it. One of the north London rivals finished at the top of the league table in the friendly tournament at Wembley, claiming the international trophy worth £60,000, and the other at the bottom.

The outcome of their own match on Saturday, a 4-0 victory for Arsenal, had indicated that the neighbours are as far apart in development as they are close on the map. The gap was confirmed yesterday. Before George Graham's side dismissed Bayern Munich 3-0, Tottenham went down 2-1, a deceptively narrow margin, to AC Milan.

Only when Thon threatened to break the bar in the closing seconds did Bayern threaten to spoil Arsenal's unblemished record. Even the presence of Ekstrom, a Swede who could inflict some painful damage on England's defence in the World Cup qualifying tie in the same stadium in October, was negligible.

The creative work of Davis, Rocastle and Thomas, now supplemented by Marwood, has never been in doubt either. The deficiency has been in attack. Although Smith was credited with another two goals to end as the competition's leading scorer; the solution to the problem may not necessarily have been found.

Momentarily, at least, their manager can be content. His centre forward gave Arsenal the lead amid a scramble midway through the second half, glanced them further ahead 15 minutes later, and assisted his partner Merson, to complete the victory near the end. "But now they have to come down to earth", Graham said later.

AC Milan might have put their penetrative powers in more relevant perspective than Bayern, whose resistance was more cynical than effective. In spite of Arsenal's position (they led the table on goal difference), the Italian champions appeared to be the strongest of the four contestants.

In spite of assurances to the contrary, they were without their most influential player. Gullitt, whose supposed appearance had attracted spectators, limped briefly around Hyde Park in the morning, and his club, to Tottenham's relief, decided not to risk exacerbating his knee injury.

Tottenham did improve belatedly. They had to. During the opening half against Milan, they were as short of defensive organization, midfield inspiration, and attacking penetration as they had been against Arsenal the previous day. All they picked up was a crumb of consolation.

Initially their back four could not cope with the majestic van Basten. That is no disgrace. Nor could any of Europe's best defenders during the summer. But they could not restrain Evani or Virdis either, and within a quarter of an hour Mimms, beaten three times on Saturday, had conceded another two goals.

Verdis, the scorer of the decisive lone goal against Bayern, claimed the first and van Basten broke through on his own to add another impudently a minute later. It was apparently a mismatch, assured men against confused boys, the strongest team in Italy against a collection of strangers.

Tottenham's security, almost breached again later by Rijkaard, van Basten and especially Virdis (his drive was touched by Mimms onto a post), is too frail to support genuine optimism for the forthcoming season. Terry Venables is unlikely yet to be able to affort to stay out of the market place.

One of his expensive acquisitions will be unavailable for the opening four League games. Stewart, who eventually emerged from performances that amounted to little more than public embarrasments, must serve a suspension. The delay in building the necessary understanding with Walsh will further undermine Tottenham's challenge.



Leading the way: Rijkaard (left), of AC Milan, beats Gascoigne, of Tottenham Hotspur (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Mature Arsenal humiliate Venables

By Clive White

Arsenal	4
Tottenham Hotspur	0

It was, as George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said, inevitable his team would give a better performance than the reshaped Tottenham in the first Wembley meeting between the great north London rivals on Saturday. But even Graham must have been surprised at just how much better.

It was nothing short of humiliation for Terry Venables, the Tottenham manager, after his lavish expenditure in the transfer market, and to make matters worse none of his acquisitions, at a collective cost of more than £5 million, acquitted themselves with much credit.

At least Venables had had the courage to entertain such a high profile examination of a side which is some way from the finished article, although not surprisingly, he said yesterday that he would not want to do it again.

No doubt Gascoigne would second that. Taunted by the crowd about his weight as the game was rapidly running away from Tottenham, he will not want for incentive when the two sides meet again in the League during the opening weeks of the season.

Arsenal looked a lot further down the road towards full maturity as they should be, having had at least a two-year start on Tottenham. The addition of an extra winger could present considerable problems for their rivals this season if Marwood, who scored twice, can sustain the sort of form he showed against players such as Mabbutt.

On the other wing, Rocastle played with fluent skill. Dixon played the chief creative role in each of the last two goals for Marwood and Smith after Merson, impressive during the club's short tour of Sweden, had given Arsenal a first-half lead.

Graham's only criticism was aimed at the pitch, which he said was not good, but hardly surprising after the pop concerts and American football that has been performed on it. "Hopefully it should be back to its best when we return later in the season," Graham said.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; L Dixon, N Winterburn, M Thomas, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, P Davis, A Smith, P Merson (sub: M Hayes), B Marwood.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Mimms; P Allen, M Stimson, T Fenwick, C Fairclough, G Mabbutt, P Walsh, P Gascoigne, C Waddle, D Stewart, (sub: P Gray), V Samways (sub: D Howells).

Andrews saves and prospers at his new club

By Roddy Forsyth

Before Celtic kicked off against Heart of Midlothian at Parkhead on Saturday the destination of last season's League flag was acknowledged by both champions and runners-up when it was unfurled in front of another huge crowd in the east end of Glasgow, after which both teams showed that not much has changed over the close season, at least as far as the gap between them is concerned.

Celtic, who have never been known to confuse cash with confetti, parted with serious money only this summer to buy Ian Andrews from Leicester City and on Saturday's performance the investment did not look frivolous. Andrews made sure that this game's only score would favour his team.

Celtic's satisfaction intersects Hearts' anxiety. Ian Ferguson was brought to Tynecastle from Dundee United to add power to the forward line. At Tannadice he scored a goal almost every two games for the last two seasons. Against Celtic he could have reversed the ratio with a clear opportunity in each half.

The first occasion might have turned the match because it arrived midway through a first half which had seen Celtic set off at a gallop, only to lose their sense of direction near Smith's goal.

When Hearts at last broke forward Murray and Black were able to expose the Celtic defence on the left and the ball was directed towards Ferguson in front of the near post, but when the shot arrived the goalkeeper had closed off the available space.

He was well positioned, too, in the second half when Ferguson was allowed to manoeuvre in the Celtic penalty box for a chance which would have suited a left-sided player but when the drive arrived from the forward's right foot it went straight at Andrews.

The new recruit had one other decisive contribution to offer in the second period, this time when Colquhoun was permitted to stroll through the heart of the Celtic defence for a low shot which the goalkeeper stretched to tip away for a corner kick.

And so Hearts were frustrated, unlike Celtic, whose victory was sealed with the game's most obviously skilful attack five minutes after the interval when McStay double-shuffled to the byline for a cut-back which McAvennie dispatched venomously below the spreadeagled Smith.

For the first time under Graeme Souness Rangers have managed to start a League campaign as they hope to finish. In the previous two years of Souness's reign they began with a 2-1 defeat by Hibernian and a 1-1 draw with Dundee United. But on Saturday they made the short journey to playHamilton Academical and left with two points which put them on top of the premier division.

Rangers' 2-0 win was an auspicious occasion for their £1m close-season signing from Everton, Gary Stevens. The defender scored the Ibrox team's opening goal with a low drive and McCoist secured the victory in the second half.

Linfield are offered home in Belgium

Linfield have reached agreement with Lokeren, the Belgian second division side, to use their stadium for the second leg UEFA Cup game against Turun of Finland, on October 5 (George Ace writes). The Irish League club now awaits approval by the Belgian FA and should know their fate by Wednesday.

Linfield were banned by UEFA from playing their next two home games in a European competition at Windsor Park following crowd disturbance last season during the European Cup game against Lillestrom. The cost will be close to six figures.

The Lombard and Ulster Cup opens the Irish League season next Saturday and Linfield and Ards will be looking for much improved performances on Saturday's dismal displays. Linfield were beaten 1-0 at Windsor Park by an Isle of Man XI, while Ards crashed 6-0 to the junior side, Harland and Wolf Welders.

Hansen may miss Charity Shield match

The Liverpool captain, Alan Hansen, may miss Saturday's Charity Shield match against Wimbledon at Wembley. He is rated doubtful after suffering a knee injury, which forced his substitution during Liverpool's 5-1 defeat at the hands of Atlético Madrid in Spain on Friday.

● The Wimbledon midfield player, Vinny Jones, was sent off during a friendly on the Isle of Wight yesterday. Jones was dismissed for elbowing David Woodhouse, the Shanklin defender, in the face during the second half of the match, held to celebrate the club's centenary. Wimbledon went on to win 6-0.

● Bob Hamer, a Football League referee, was given first aid for cuts and bruises after a local league player allegedly attacked him during a cup match in Bristol. Police are investigating. The Bristol newsagent was running a match between St Phillips and Bristol St George.

MOTORCYCLING

Lawson's success is kept off screen

Sweden (Agencies) — Eddie Lawson, of the United States, overcame a brakes-failure to extend his lead in the world 500cc championship by winning the Swedish Grand Prix yesterday.

Lawson's win was not seen on local television however, as the Swedish broadcasters, conforming to the country's anti-apartheid policy, refused to transmit the race because 23 of the riders had raced in South Africa. Earlier this year the television authorities threatened not to transmit the Davis Cup match between Sweden and France because some of the players had competed in South Africa.

Lawson, riding a Yamaha, took the lead on the third lap and was never challenged as he won in 47min 59.28sec. The world champion, Wayne Gardner, of Australia, riding a Honda, was third, 13 seconds behind. Christian Sarron, of France, on another Yamaha, was third.

With only three rounds of the championship left, Lawson is 215 points ahead of Gardner on 192.

Gardner might have been closer to Lawson had it not been for a mistake on the eighth lap which lost him vital seconds and demoted him briefly to third place behind Rainey.

Lawson, who is striving for his third world title, admitted that the race had not provided the crowd of 40,600 with much entertainment, especially as he left Gardner at an early stage. "The race was not perhaps too thrilling. But if you want to win, you give your best," Lawson said.

Sito Pons, of Spain, increased his lead in the 250cc world championship, with his fourth victory of the season. Pons, on a Honda, beat his compatriot, Juan Garriga, on a Yamaha, into second place, with Dominique Sarron of France, on another Honda, third.

It was a closely-contested race, with the first three and Reinhold Roth, of West Germany, disputing the lead throughout, and it was only at the final bend that Pons edged in front. With three races remaining, Pons is nine points clear of Garriga in the world championship standings.

RESULTS: 500cc: 1, E Lawson (US) Yamaha, 47min 57.28sec (151.2kph); 2, W Gardner (Aus) Honda, at 13.04sec; 3, C Sarron (Fr) Yamaha, 19.34; 4, N McKenzie (GB) Honda, 23.45; 5, W Rainey (US) Yamaha, 30.08; 6, K Magee (Aus) Yamaha, 35.45. Overall: 1, Lawson 215 pts; 2, Gardner 192; 3, Rainey 174; 4, C Sarron (Fr) 138; 5, Magee, 125. 250cc: 1, S Pons (Sp) Honda, 41min 27.89sec (145.822kph); 2, J Garriga (Sp) Yamaha, at 00.29sec; 3, D Sarron (Fr) Honda, 00.68; 4, R Roth (WG) Honda, 00.91; 5, C Cardus (Sp) Honda, 17.84; 6, I Palazzese (Ven) Yamaha, 28.49. Overall: 1, Pons 199pts; 2, Garriga 190; 3, J Cornu (Switz), 151; 4, Roth 135; 5, Sarron 130. 125cc: 1, J Martinez (Sp) Derbi, 40min 56.47sec; 2, E Gianola (It) Honda; 3, J Miralles (Sp) Honda; 4, H Spaan (Neth) Honda; 5, A Stadler (WG) Honda; 6, B Hassaine (Tun) Honda. Overall: 1, Martinez 177pts; 2, Gianola, 157; 3, Spaan 95; 4, Miralles 87; 5, Domenico Brigaglia (It) 69.

CYCLING

Maassen takes the Belgian tour

Leuven, Belgium (Reuter) — Frans Maassen, of The Netherlands, held his overall lead to win the Tour of Belgium race as the home rider, Johan Capiot, took yesterday's final stage.

Maassen, overall leader since Friday, finished 18 seconds ahead of the Belgian, Eric Van Lancker, with Alan Peiper of Australia third, 49 seconds behind.

Capiot took the 139km final stage, ahead of compatriot, Jan Goessens, in a two-man sprint finish. Jean-Paul Van Poppel of The Netherlands — victor in four stages in the Tour de France — led the pack home, nine seconds behind.

"I have often raced against Goessens in the past and I've always beaten him," Capriot said. "I've worked hard all week long to get this victory."

The pack remained bunched until three riders broke clear after 67km. Two others soon joined them, but the quintet was overhauled after 115km.

Van Lancker then launched his final attempt to regain the leader's jersey, which he had held until Friday, when Maassen took it from him. But the Dutchman's team-mates laboured hard and neutralized the escape.

Capiot and Goessens emerged with nine kilometres to go and maintained a slim lead over the pack.

Eddy Planckaert, Belgium's main hope for a gold medal at the world championships, pulled out of the event after spending most of the night at the dentist.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Wembley Festival

Yesterday's matches

TOTTENHAM (0). 1 AC MILAN (2) 2
Earwick — Virdis, van Basten

ARSENAL (0) 4 BAYERN M (0) 0
Smith 2, Dixon — 27,389

Saturday's matches

ARSENAL (1) 4 TOTTENHM (0) 0
Merson, Marwood (2), Smith

AC MILAN (1) 1 BAYERN M (0) 0
Virdis — 30,486

Scottish premier division

Celtic	1	Hearts	0
Dundee	1	Aberdeen	1
Hamilton	0	Rangers	2
Hibernian	1	Motherwell	0
St Mirren	0	Dundee Utd	1

First division

Ayr	2	Clydebank	2
Falkirk	0	Airdrie	0
Forfar	1	Meadowbank	0
Morton	0	Clyde	0
Partick	1	Dunfermline	2
Queen of Sth	2	Kilmarnock	2
St Johnstone	3	Raith	1

Second division

Albion Rov	1	E Stirling	0
Brechin	2	Alloa	1
Cowdenbeath	2	Montrose	0
Dumbarton	3	E Fife	1
Queens Pk	2	Berwick	0
Stirling Alb	2	Stenhousemuir	1
Stranraer	0	Arbroath	1

SALONIKA, Greece: International tournament: Final: Olympiakos 0, VfB Stuttgart 1. Third place play-off: Heraklis 1, Torino 1 (Heraklis won 4-3 on penalties).
FRIENDLIES: Sunderland 3, Seattle 0; Notts County 3, Aston Villa 2; Shankdin (IoW) 0, Wimbledon 6.
GREENE KING SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon Town 1, Barkingside 1; Sassonsfield Utd 0, Corinthian-Casuals 1; Bromley Athletic 4, Beckton United 1; Chesham 3, Southwark Sports 2; Hemel Town 0, Wealdstone Harriers 0; North Shields United 2, Brimsdown Rovers 4; Southgate Athletic 2, Northwood 3; Thamesmead Town 3, Crown and Manor 1; Waltham Abbey 0, Wandsworth and Norwood 2.
FENTON, Missouri: World Cup qualifier: United States 5, Jamaica 1 (US advance to North America-Caribbean knock-out round).
WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Werder Bremen 3, Bayer Leverkusen 1; Bayer Uerdingen 3, FC Nuremberg 2; Karlsruhe SC 3, Stuttgart Kickers 1; SV Waldhof Mannheim 4, Borussia Mönchengladbach 1; FC St Pauli 2, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Hamburg SV 3, Hanover 96 2. Leading positions: 1, Karlsruhe, played 3, 5pts; 2, Werder Bremen, 3, 5; 3, Stuttgart, 2, 4.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Nice 1, Laval 0; Strasbourg 4, Lens 1; Paris St-Germain 3, Caen 0; Toulon 1, Monaco 0; Auxerre 0, Cannes 0; Lille 0, Nantes 1; Toulouse 2, Metz 1; Sochaux 1, Bordeaux 1; Montpellier 0, Matra Racing 0. Leading positions: 1, Toulon, played 8, 14pts; 2, Sochaux, 8, 12; 3, Paris SG, 8, 12.
LEAGUE OF IRELAND: League Cup: Cobh Ramblers 1, Sligo 0; Waterford United 0, Cork City 1; Galway United 1, Limerick City 0; Newcastlewest 3, Connacht League 1; Finn Harps 0, Derry City 0; Sligo Rovers 2, Fanad United 2; Shamrock Rovers 2, Longford Town 0; Shelbourne 0, Athlone Town 1; Dundalk 1, Bohemians 1; Bray Wanderers 0, UCD 0; St Patrick's Athletic 3, Home Farm 0.

BASKETBALL

CHARLOTTE, N Carolina: Exhibition game: United States 119 (K McCain 20), Cuba 58.
MELBOURNE: Points international: Australia 90, Soviet Union 84 (Soviet Union lead series 4-0).

BOWLS

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bedfordshire 111, Suffolk 111; Essex 134, Cambridgeshire 90.
MIDLAND COUNTIES LEAGUE: Worcestershire 148, Derbyshire 111.
COUNTY MATCHES: Northamptonshire 118, Oxfordshire 113; Warwickshire 139, Buckinghamshire 107.

ATHLETICS

GATESHEAD: Daily Crest Games (Britain v Hungary v International Select): Men: 100m: 1, E Bunney (GB), 10.96secs; 2, I Adeyanju (US), 10.99; 3, O Adenikon (IS), 11.05. British Rail sprinter trophy: 100m final and part of competition: 1, L Christie (GB), 10.85; 2, J Regis (GB), 10.91; 3, A Carrott (GB), 10.98. 200m: 1, A Carrott (GB), 21.10; 2, M Rosswess (GB), 21.16; 3, D Jules (IS), 21.42. Invitation 200m (not part of competition): 1, D Robinson (US), 32.72; 2, A Al Matty (Oman), 32.78; 3, M Rowe (US), 32.96. 400m: 1, D Redmond (GB), 45.35; 2, B White (GB), 45.72; 3, I Morris (IS), 48.13. 800m: 1, D Sharpe (GB), 1min 48.86sec; 2, T Morrell, (IS), 1:48.70; 3, S Heard (GB), 1:49.14. Mile: 1, A Peasey (GB), 4:02.02; 2, M Rowland (GB), 4:02.16; 3, P Scammell (Jersey), 4:02.22. 3,000m: 1, D Moorcroft (GB), 8:04.48; 2, G Turnbull (IS), 8:04.50; 3, J Barton (GB), 8:06.76. 110m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (GB), 13.38; 2, A Campbell (IS), 13.70; 3, J Ridgeon (GB), 13.83. 110m hurdles B race (not part of competition): 1, A Joyner (US), 13.84; 2, D Nelson (GB), 14.05; 3, T Norris (Brit), 14.22. 400m hurdles: 1, E Moses (IS), 48.67; 2, M Robertson (GB), 50.30; 3, M Gillingham (GB), 50.82. 2,000m steeplechase: 1, T Henlon, (guest), 5:28.62; 2, B Vago (Hun), 5:27.46; 3, C Walker (GB), 5:29.77. High jump: 1, D Grant (GB), 2.27m; 2, N Saunders (IS), 2.24; 3, J Holman (IS), 2.15. Pole vault: 1, K Tarpenning (IS), 5.60m; 2, I Bagyula (Hun), 5.50; 3, E Bell (IS), 5.40. Triple jump: 1, J Taiwo (IS), 16.77m; 2, F Abejide (GB), 16.30; 3, F Agyegong (GB), 15.96. Long jump: 1, S Faulkner (GB), 7.72m; 2, L Szalma (Hun), 7.71; 3, I Simpson (IS), 7.60. Hammer: 1, T Gecsek (Hun), 75.42m; 2, I Szabo (Hun), 73.72; 3, D Smith (GB), 69.56. Discus: 1, A Horvath (Hun), 63.82m; 2, A Okakolu (IS), 63.60; 3, P Mardle (GB), 60.52. Shot: 1, Z Laczay (Hun), 19.04m; 2, J Williams (GB), 18.56; 3, A Okakolu (IS), 18.53. Javelin: 1, R Bradacsek (GB), 79.04m; 2, S Backley (IS), 74.70; 3, M Roberson (GB), 73.84. 4x100m relay: 1, Britain, 39.36. Hungary and Oman (guest) did not finish. 4x400m relay: 1, British, 3:04.32; 2, International Select, 3:06.54; 3, Australia (guests), 3:07.11.
Women: 100m: 1, F Griffith-Joyner (IS), 11.54secs; 2, S Jacobs (GB), 11.67; 3, H Miles (GB), 12.00. 200m: 1, K Johnson (IS), 23.52; 2, S Gunnell (GB), 23.86; 3, L Sauer (GB), 23.93. 400m: 1, M Holland (IS), 51.53; 2, P Beckford (GB), 52.25; 3, J Smith (IS), 53.02. 800m: 1, C Cahill (GB), 2min 01.95secs; 2, A Howland (guest), 2:04.62; 3, A Molloy (IS), 2:04.69. 1,500m: 1, B Nicholson (GB), 4:11.95; 2, Z Agoston (Hun), 4:13.06; 3, L Mackinyre (guest), 4:14.34. 3,000m: 1, J Perkins (guest), 9:01.88; 2, J Shields (guest), 9:10.01; 3, M Donohoe (IS), 9:11.05. 100m hurdles: 1, K Skala (Hun), 13.59; 2, L-A Sissons (GB), 13.86; 3, W Jeal (GB), 13.77. 400m hurdles: 1, McLaughlin (GB), 55.74; 2, W Cearns (GB), 56.85; 3, J Perfor (IS), 57.57. Long jump: 1, N Boegman (IS), 6.87m; 2, F May (GB), 6.73; 3, D Glazebrook (GB), 6.23. High jump: 1, S Hutchings (IS), 1.86m; 2, J Jennings (GB), 1.83; 3, K Sjesark (Hun), 1.83. Shot: 1, J Oakes (GB), 19.38m (UK record); 2, V Horvath (Hun), 18.57; 3, M Augee (GB), 17.89. Discus: 1, A Herczeg (Hun), 60.60m; 2, L Barnes (IS), 57.94; 3, V Head (GB), 53.96. Javelin: 1, F Whitbread (GB), 68.90m; 2, Z Melovecsi (Hun), 60.62; 3, K Hanley (Hun), 59.10. 4x100m relay: 1, Britain, 44.56; 2, International Select, 44.62; 3, Britain B, 44.65. 4x400m relay: 1, Britain, 3:30.85; 2, International Select, 3:33.82; 3, Hungary, 3:37.91.

HENGELO, Netherlands: Adriaan Paulen memorial international meeting: Men: 400m: 1, H Reynolds (US), 44.85sec; 2, T Simon (US), 45.20; 3, M Franks (US), 45.35. 1,500m: 1, J Cruz (Br), 3min 34.69sec; 2, D Baumann (WG), 3:34.97; 3, M Guldberg (Den), 3:35.32. 400m hurdles: 1, H Schmid (WG), 48.45sec; 2, K Young (US), 48.46; 3, B Wintrop (Jam), 49.66. Discus: 1, W Schmidt (WG), 65.08m; 2, M Wilkins (US), 64.96; 3, E de Bruin (Neth), 60.76. Women: 400m hurdles: 1, S Farmer (US), 54.48; 2, D Flintoft (Aus), 55.85; 3, G Tromp (Neth) 58.95.

HFC SOUTHERN MEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Final round match winners: At Aldershot: Havering 135pt. At Battersea: Hounslow 128pt. At Colindale: Bracknell 127pt. At Hendon: Highgate 136pt. At Ilford: GEC Avionics 146½pt. Final positions: 1, Highgate 29; 2, GEC Avionics 28; 3, Havering 27½; 4, Bournemouth 27; 5, Medway 26½; 6, Blackheath 24.

SOUTHERN WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Fifth round match winners: At Hornchurch: Croydon Harriers 178pt. At Portsmouth: Plymouth 172pt. At Reading: Crawley 161pt. At Rochester: Aldershot, Farnham and District 187pt. At Woking: Essex Ladies 198pt. Leading positions after five matches: 1, Essex Ladies 962pt; 2, Plymouth 896; 3, Croydon H 871½pts; 4, Aldershot FD 859pts; 5, Basildon 812½pts; Shaftesbury Barnet H 798½pts.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: Friday: American League: Boston Red Sox 8, Detroit Tigers 4; Cleveland Indians 5, Texas Rangers 2; New York Yankees 5, Minnesota Twins 4; Toronto Blue Jays 3, Kansas City Royals 2; Milwaukee Brewers 8, Baltimore Orioles 3; Chicago White Sox 7, Seattle Mariners 2; Oakland A's 4, California Angels 3. National League: Pittsburgh Pirates 12, Cleveland Indians 3; Boston Red Sox 16, Detroit Tigers 4; Minnesota Twins 12, New York Yankees 2; Oakland A's 6, California Angels 2; Toronto Blue Jays 2, Kansas City Royals 0; Baltimore Orioles 5, Milwaukee Brewers 0; Chicago White Sox 7, Seattle Mariners 4. Friday: National League: St Louis Cardinals 4, Chicago Cubs 0; Philadelphia Phillies 9, Pittsburgh Pirates 1; 2nd game: 6-4; Atlanta Braves 9, Cincinnati Reds 4; Montreal Expos 5, New York Mets 2 (12 innings); San Diego Padres 4, Houston Astros 3. Saturday: Montreal Expos 7, New York Mets 4; Chicago Cubs 5, St Louis Cardinals 1; Cincinnati Reds 3, Atlanta Braves 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 10, Philadelphia Phillies 4; Houston Astros 1, San Diego Padres 0; Los Angeles Doggers 2, San Francisco Giants 1.
CHARLOTTE, N Carolina: Pre-Olympic match: United States 12, Cuba 2.
SCOTTISH AMICABLE NATIONAL LEAGUE: London Warriors 20, Nottingham Knights 10; Lancashire Red Sox 8, Humberside County Bears 3; Mersey Mariners 9, Southern Tigers 7.

BOXING

SEOUL: WBA bantamweight championship (12 points): Moon Sung-kil (SKor) bt Khaokor Galaxy (Thai), pts.
MILWAUKEE: Heavyweight: Reynaldo Snipes (US) bt Johnny Du Plooy (SA), tac 7th round.

CANOEING

NOTTINGHAM: Europe Cup slalom: Men: K1: 1, M Jones (Birmingham), 2min 46.73sec; 2, R Fox (Nottingham), 2:48.42; 3, M Brassad (Fr), 2:49.91. Overall champion: Fox. C1: 1, J Lugbill (US), 2:00.42; 2, D Hearn (US), 3:00.89; 3, J Prentice (US), 3:00.87. Overall champion: Lugbill. C2: 1, Hemmer, Loose (WG), 3:15.19; 2, Meide, Brown (West Lothian), 3:19.29; 3, Seidl, Revel (Fr), 3:21.24. Overall champion: Hemmer, Loose. Women: K1: 1, M Jerusalmi (Fr), 3:13.21; 2, D Chalek (US), 3:14.56; 3, M-F Grande-Prigent (Fr), 3:14.88. Overall champion: Jerusalmi. National placings: 1, West Germany, 89pt; 2, France, 86pt; 3, Great Britain, 85pt.
NOTTINGHAM: Robin Hood and Maid Marion slalom challenge: Men: K1: 1, L Brissaud (Fr), 2min 40.88secs; 2, P Ferrazzi (It), 2:42.68; 3, L Hilgert (Cz), 2:45.57. C1: 1, K Prentice (US), 2:51.27; 2, Ganesh Mantick (Nottingham), 2:54.86; 3, T Humeau (Fr), 2:57.22. C2: 1, Semek/Rohan (Cz), 3:05.36; 2, McEwan/Haller (US), 3:08.13; 3, Hammer/Loose (WG), 3:10.60. Women: K1: 1, M Grange-Prigent (Fr), 3:03.11; 2, M Jerusalmi (Fr), 3:08.32; 3, A Bobet (Fr), 3:09.57.

SWIMMING

AUSTIN, Texas: US Olympic Trials (first two qualify): Men: 50m freestyles: 1, T Jager, 22.29secs; 2, M Biondi, 22.50. 1,500m freestyles: 1, M Cavilnsio, 15min 05.53sec; 2, L Jorgensen, 15:10.17. 100m backstroke: 1, D Berkoff, 54.91 (54.95sec in heats); 2, J Mortenson, 55.07. 200m butterfly: 1, M Stewart, 1:58.86; 2, M Darr, 1:59.58; 3, P Morales, 2:00.10. 200m medley: 1, D Whitton, 2min 0.08sec; 2, W Stapleton, 2:02.14. 50m free: 50m freestyles: 1, A Myers, 25.40sec; 2, L Fetter, 25.50. 800m freestyles: 1, J Evans, 8min 29.59sec; 2, T Bruce, 8:30.00. 200m backstroke: 1, B Barr, 2:11.47; 2, K Linehan, 2:12.19. 200m butterfly: 1, M T Meagher, 2:09.13; 2, T Radka, 2:11.32. 200m medley: 1, M Weyte, 2:18.28; 2, W Hadgepeth, 2:18.38.

SQUASH RACKETS

BRISBANE: Australian championships (All Australian): Finals: Men: Open: C Dittmar bt R Martin, 9-1, 9-4, 9-3. Open Plate: R Hay bt S Gogolin, 7-9, 9-7, 9-0, 9-7. Junior: M Carlyon bt S Mosham, 9-3, 9-1, 9-3. Women: Open: V Cardwell bt M Martin, 10-8, 5-9, 9-0, 9-7. Open Plate: B Clelland bt A Cook, 9-6, 9-4, 9-6. Junior: A Hopps bt C Owens, 9-3, 9-4, 9-7.
NEW BRIGHTON: Second Reebok Test: Young England 5, Finland 0 (English names first): J Nicolle bt P Pekkanen, 9-4, 9-3, 9-2; J Ransome bt S Elopuro, 5-9, 10-8, 9-8, 9-5; C Walker bt V Maldzaris, 9-2, 9-0, 9-3; M Cairns bt H Jasiart, 9-2, 9-2, 9-1; T Marshall bt M Saarela, 9-4, 9-7, 9-5.

RUGBY UNION

ST CYPRIEN, France: Student world cup: Soviet Union 18, England 16.

CYCLING

WERCHTER, Belgium: Tour of Belgium: Fourth stage (Tonhout to Werchter, 152 miles, Belgium unless stated): 1, H Redant, 6hr 01min 45secs; 2, E Van Lancker; 3, F Maassen (Neth); 4, M Fondriest (It); 5, H Daems (Neth); 6, M Sergeant; 7, R Van Holen; 8, J Capiot; 9, J Goessens; 10, R Verdonck all same time. Fifth stage (Werchter and Louvain, 98 miles): 1, Capiot, 2:18:30; 2, Goessens, same time; 3, J-P Van Poppel (Neth), at 9secs; 4, Fondriest; 5, S Zanatta (It); 6, J Lieckens; 7, Van Lancker; 8, J Bogaert; 9, R Verdonck; 10, Sergeant. Final overall: 1, Maassen, 23hr 48min 17secs; 2, Van Lancker at 1.18secs; 3, A Peiper (Au), at 49secs; 4, B Van Itterbeek, at 55secs; 5, Sergeant, at 1min 05secs; 6, Fondriest, at 1:22; 7, N Emonds, at 1:31; 8, G Nulens, at 1:52; 9, J Nevens, at 1:53; 10, J Perion (US), at 2:01.
SACRAMENTO, California: Coors Classic (fourth stage, 105 miles) (US unless stated): 1, R Knickman, 4hr 01min 49sec; 2, D Phinney, at 4min 8sec; 3, C Schomer, same time. Overall leaders: 1, A Hampsten, 13hrs 36min 05secs; 2, G Sanders, at 1sec; 3, G O'Grady at 2sec. Others: 7, A McCormack (Ire), at 1min.
SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain: One-day race (148 miles) (Spain unless stated): 1, G Theunisse (Neth), 6hr 9min 36secs; 2, E Alo, same time; 3, S Rooks (Neth), at 8sec; 4, M Lejarreta, same time; 5, A Kappes (WG), at 37sec. Others: 8, R Alcala (Mex), same time.

Time trials
SOUTHEND COUNTY WHB (50 miles): 1, I Cammish (Manchester Wh), 1hr 48min 18sec; 2, I Davis (Warwickshire RC), 1:49:09; 3, P Bennett (Polytechnic CC), 1:50:44. Women: S Golder (Wynarn CC), 1:58:28.
WESTERLEY RC (100 miles): 1, S Howells (Corinium CC), 4:16:56; 2, W Lawson (Mercia CC), 4:24:27; 3, R Burton (Westerley RC), 4:28:03. Teams: Corinium, 13:29:32.
YORKSHIRE CF (100 miles): 1, A Doolis (Ferryhill Wh), 4:16:52. Teams: Ferryhill Wh, 13:28:25.
NOTTINGHAM CLARION (100 miles): 1, I Stott (Taurus CC), 4:33:21. Team: Beeston RC, 14:30:04.
CLEVELEYS RC (100 miles): 1, A Cetheral (Southport RC), 4:22:11. Team: Preston Wh, 13:49:58.
PLYMOUTH CORINTHIANS (50 miles): 1, E Morris (Cheltenham Co), 2:04:40. Team: St Budeaux CC.
ALTON CC (25 miles): 1, J Pritchard (Polytechnic CC), 54:16. Team: Polytechnic CC, 2:51:24.
LONG EATON CC (25 miles): 1, R Queen (VC Slough), 57:58 (course record). Team: Derby Mercury, 3:11:26.
SALISBURY RC (25 miles): 1, M Fodden (Wessex RC), 58:36. Team: Poole Wh, 2:59:40.
WREXHAM ROADS (25 miles): 1, C Boardmen (Manchester Wh), 57:22. Team: Manchester Wh, 2:59:28.
CARDIFF (50 miles): 1, N Lewis (Byrnes CC), 1:59:08. Team: Abertillery District Wh, 6:08:45.

Road Races
BROMSGROVE (68 miles): 1, J Hughes (Liverpool Century), 3:28:05. Team: Colcire RC 22pt. BECONTREE (35 miles): 1, T Wallis (Festival RC), 1:24:00.
MANCHESTER (100 miles): 1, B Luckwell (VC St Raphael) 3:50:36.
SOUTHWARK: Surrey Quays Grand Prix (six-hour madison): 1, R Williams (Geoffrey Butler Cycles) 2, B Drew (Team Haverhill); 3, L Masefield (Olympia Sport).

GOLF

KARUIZAWA, Japan: Tokyo women's tournament: Final standings (Japan unless stated): 142: T Green (US), 69, 73; 143: M Oda, 73, 70. 145: T Ohashi, 73, 72.

HOCKEY

AMSTELVEEN, Netherlands: Women's pre-Olympic tournament: Great Britain 1, Spain 0. Soviet Union 4, Spain 1. Netherlands 3, Great Britain 3. Final standings: 1, Netherlands, 5pt; 2, Great Britain, 4pt; 3, Soviet Union, 3pt; 4, Spain, 0pt.
Men's pre-Olympic tournament: Great Britain 3, Canada 2. Soviet Union 3, Spain 1. Netherlands 2, Great Britain 2. Final standings: 1, Netherlands, 7pt; 2, Great Britain, 5pt; 3, Soviet Union, 4pt; 4, Spain, 4pt; 5, Canada, 0pt.

MOTOCROSS

KUOPIO, Finland: Finnish 125cc grand prix: First race: 1, P Tragter (Nesh), Honda; 2, J-M Bayle (Fr), Honda; 3, D Scripps (Neth), Cagiva. Second race: 1, Scripps; 2, M Healy (US); 3, Bayle. Overall: 1, Scripps, 35pts; 2, Bayle, 32; 3, Healy, 30. World championships: 1, Scripps, 285pts; 2, Bayle, 268; 3, Tragter, 216.

TENNIS

TORONTO: Canadian Open: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: M Woodforde (Aus), bt J McEnroe (US), 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 I Lendl (Cz), bt J Frawley (Aus), 6-2, 6-2 Semi-finals: Lendl bt J Connors (US), 6-4, 6-4 K Curren (US), bt Woodforde, 6-4, 6-2
LOS ANGELES: Women's singles: Quarter-finals: C Evert (US), bt P Fendick (US), 6-4, 6-0; S Rehe (US), bt L McNeil (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Z Garrison (US), bt A Frazier (US), 6-1, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg), bt A Marter (Aus), 6-2, 6-4. Semi-finals: Evert bt Rehe, 6-3, 6-3; Sabatini bt Garrison 6-3, 7-6, 7-5 Doubles: Semi-finals: P Fendick (US) and J Hetherington (Can), bt C Evert (US) and W Turnbull (Aus), 0-6, 6-4, 6-1
PRAGUE: Nabisco Grand Prix: Men's singles: Semi-finals: T Muster (Austria) bt F Luna (Sp), 6-3, 6-1. G Perez-Roldan bt M Stre

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Arsenal offset Gullit's absence

By Clive White

The disappointment of Ruud Gullit's absence (after an announcement on Saturday that he would play yesterday) was offset for Arsenal supporters, if not the uncommitted, by their club's overall victory in the Wembley international tournament at the weekend.

Arsenal, who followed up their 4-0 defeat of Tottenham Hotspur with a 3-0 victory over Bayern Munich, beat AC Milan on goal difference to win the first prize of £60,000.

The omission of Gullit for the second day running from the AC Milan team because of a knee injury was the only blot on a tournament which Wembley Stadium said it hoped to repeat next season.

Dennis Roach, one of the organizers, denied the public had been misled about Gullit's availability. "AC Milan officials told us that he would play, but when he trained in the morning he had a problem with the knee the moment he kicked a ball," he said.

Brian Wolson, the chairman of Wembley Stadium, also defended the format of the tournament, in which winners played losers on the second day.

He said that it was popular on the Continent because it sustained interest. But despite this, and the announcement that Gullit would play, the crowd yesterday was only 27,364 — 3,000 less than on Saturday. However, worldwide television coverage ensured that it was a financial success.

"We are delighted with the way the tournament went. We would have liked bigger crowds, but it was not surprising given the initial confusion about whether the tournament would go on or not," Wolson said.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, saw it as an encouraging victory for English football, given its exclusion from the international club picture. "We're not used to playing teams with sweepers, and who pack their midfield. We struggled in the first half against Bayern but once we got to grips with it, it was their turn to struggle. We have a lot of assets the Continentals would love to have," he said.

Of Tottenham Hotspur, who collected the wooden spoon, Graham said: "I felt for Terry Venables, he has come into a tournament with half a team. He is a very talented coach and manager. He will sort Spurs out."

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Faldo does it his way as he stalks world's fairways

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Edmond, Oklahoma

Win or lose, Nick Faldo had every reason to feel satisfied with life as the United States PGA Championship reached an exciting climax on the Oak Tree course here yesterday.

The fruits of Faldo's labour may have been more easily identified in 1987 because of his victory in the Open Championship. Yet he has proved this summer that he is among the finest golfers in the world.

There is no hotter cauldron in professional golf than the big championships. Faldo was involved in a play-off for the US Open in June. He finished a creditable third in the Open at Royal Lytham and St Annes. So by thrusting himself into contention here he endorsed the belief that he is the complete player.

Faldo has mastered the art of course management. His way is to cocoon himself in a world of his own in order that nothing will threaten his thoughts or his swing. He could never play the game the Lee Trevino way, laughing and joking along the fairways, or with the charismatic flow of a Greg Norman. That is not his way.

Since Faldo was a teenager learning his trade at Welwyn Garden City his ambition to become the best golfer in the world has led to his adopting this blinkered approach. Only now, at the age of 31, is he beginning to reap the rewards for his endeavours in the championships by which players are judged.

Significantly, Faldo is regarded by his peers as a constant threat. They marvel at his consistency from tee to green, which is why Paul Azinger, in spite of being more closely pursued by his American compatriots, Dave Rummells and Jeff Sluman, regarded Faldo as the danger when the final round began.

"Dave will be nervous and so will Jeff but Nick, at five under, may not be," Azinger said. There was the additional thought in Azinger's mind that Faldo may hold an Indian sign over him. At Muirfield last summer Azinger led with only two holes to play in the Open. He dropped a shot at each and Faldo became the champion.

Azinger properly regards that as part of the learning process. "The British Open was one experience for me and I've had several other experiences where I was contending and either won or didn't win," he added. "You can draw on those experiences."

Neither Sluman nor Rummells had ever won on the US PGA Tour entering this championship. Sluman, from Rochester, New York, has been on the tour since 1983. He lost to Sandy Lyle in a play-off for the Tournament Players' Championship in 1987. Rummells, who, like Sluman, is aged 30, was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It was there in 1981 that he purchased a mobile home, towed it to Florida and parked it in a field so that he could hit balls from dawn to dusk.

It requires that kind of dedication, as reflected by Faldo's career, to reach for the top. And with the winds of change blowing across the American fairways, the likes of Rummells and Sluman were encouraged by recent results.

Each of the last six tournaments has been captured by a player winning for the first time as a professional on the circuit. So Rummells and Sluman were attempting to maintain this unlikely sequence, which began only two weeks after Curtis Strange overcame Faldo in the US Open.

The American nation regards Strange as its new No. 1 golfer, although Azinger, with four successes in the last two seasons, is an emerging force. He set out at nine under par, with Rummells, Sluman and Faldo trailing by one, two and four shots respectively.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	441	4	10	379	4
2	392	4	11	466	4
3	584	5	12	445	4
4	200	3	13	149	3
5	590	5	14	453	4
6	377	4	15	434	4
7	440	4	16	479	5
8	171	3	17	200	3
9	386	4	18	429	4
Out	3,561	36	In	3,434	35

Total yardage: 7,015 Par: 71

THIRD DAY SCORES AT EDMOND

(US unless stated)

204: P Azinger, 67, 66, 71. 205: D Rummells, 73, 64, 68. 207: J Sluman, 69, 70, 68. 208: N Faldo (GB), 67, 71, 70. 209: K Knox, 72, 69, 68; P Stewart, 70, 69, 70; S Jones 69, 68, 72. 210: B Crenshaw 70, 71, 69; M McNulty (Zim) 73, 70, 67; D Pohl 69, 71, 70; D Graham (Aus), 70, 67, 73; R Floyd 68, 68, 74; J Overton, 68, 66, 76. 211: M O'Meara, 70, 71, 70; S Hoch, 74, 69, 68; N Price (Zim), 74, 70, 67; G Norman (Aus), 68, 71, 72; T Nakajima (Japan), 69, 68, 74. 212: R Gilder, 66, 75, 71; R Black, 71, 71, 70; T Kite, 72, 69, 71; R Tway, 71, 71, 70; M Calcavecchia, 73, 69, 70; J Mahaffey, 71, 71, 70; R Mediate, 68, 74, 70; C Beck, 67, 72, 73; J Cook, 67, 69, 76. 213: R Makoski, 69, 72, 72; L Wadkins, 74, 69, 70; R Wrenn, 72, 68, 73. 214: D Pooley, 72, 69, 73; I Aoki (Japan), 73, 71, 70; R Zokol (Can), 70, 70, 74; C Peete, 74, 66, 74; T Watson, 72, 68, 74; J Hallet, 72, 68, 74; D Stockton, 70, 69, 75. 215: P Senior (Aus), 68, 73, 74; M Wiebe, 74, 68, 73; R Mast, 71, 72, 72; S Pate, 71, 72, 72; J Haas, 73, 71, 71; B McCallister, 73, 67, 75; T Brannen, 70, 71, 74; G Koch, 72, 65, 78. 216: C Pavin, 71, 70, 75; C Stadler, 68, 73, 75; P Jacobsen 73 68 75; S Bess, 74, 69, 73; H Irwin, 74, 70, 72; J D Blake, 71, 73, 72; E Fiori, 71, 69, 76. 217: L Nelson, 70, 71, 76; J Carter, 73, 68, 76; J Inman, 73, 69, 75; S Elkington (Aus), 73, 70, 74; C Strange, 72, 72, 73; D A Weibring, 72, 72, 73; D Hammond, 72, 72, 73; D Edwards, 71, 69, 77. 218: R Davis (Aus), 73, 69, 76; B Lietzke, 70, 72, 76; H Sutton, 69, 74, 75; A Magee, 71, 73, 74; D Ishii, 73, 71, 74; G Gilbert, 72, 72, 74; M Reid, 68, 71, 79. 219: D Watson (Zim), 70, 70, 79; D Tewell, 70, 68, 81. 220: J Mudd, 70, 73, 77; R Wadkins, 75, 69, 76. 226: H Green, 74, 69, 83.

Nobilo holds off Clark's challenge

Falsterbo (Reuter) — Frank Nobilo, of New Zealand, held off a powerful challenge from Howard Clark, the defending champion, to become the seventh new winner of the European Tour season in the PLM Open yesterday.

Nobilo, aged 28, from Auckland, who led all the way after a record opening round of 63, closed with a 68 for a total of 270, 10 under par, one shot better than Clark, who finished with a 66.

Colin Montgomerie, of Scotland, who had a final round of 69, Peter Fowler, of Australia, and Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden, shared third place five shots further back.

Nobilo began the final round three shots ahead, and stretched it to five with birdies at the first two holes, but Clark drew level with an outward 31.

However, Nobilo edged ahead with a six-foot putt for a birdie four at the 15th, was two clear when Clark took three putts at the short 17th, and could afford a bogey five at the last to win.

FINAL ROUND SCORES (GB or Ireland unless stated): 270: F Nobilo (NZ), 63, 68, 71, 68. 271: H Clark, 68, 69, 68, 66. 276: P Fowler (Aus), 65, 69, 72, 70; A Forsbrand (Swe), 67, 66, 72, 71; C Montgomerie, 66, 67, 74, 69. 278: O Saltberg (Swe), 69, 68, 72, 69. 279: A Sorensen (Den), 69, 68, 71, 71



Flying the flag: Florence Griffith Joyner leaves domestic opposition trailing at Gateshead

Joyner cuts a red dash

There was never any doubt that Florence Griffith Joyner would win the 100 metres at the Dairy Crest Games in Gateshead yesterday (Peter Nichols writes). The assembled competition was not in her class. The most difficult moment for Joyner came before the race had started.

As she waited behind the blocks, a middle-aged spectator came out from the crowd, slipped on to the track and asked for her autograph. Joyner, as polite as possible, declined. "I told him to wait till the race was over."

The spectator then grabbed her and Joyner was relieved only when Andy Norman, of the British board, came to her rescue.

Joyner's subsequent victory by over three metres in 11.54sec was almost incidental compared to the atmosphere she brought to the stadium.

People seemed more concerned with the clothes she wore than the race she ran; the red leggings and red vest, emblazoned with a Union Jack, earning suitable appreciation.

Joyner, who hopes to market the designs subsequent to the Seoul Olympics, was trailed by a crocodile of cameramen and a posse of children hunting autographs.

To the American herself her track efforts sometimes seem almost incidental and the fact that she is rejecting over £65,000 worth of races in Europe to return to the United States today seems to bear this out.

On the other hand, it could be that Joyner is canny enough to have worked the schedule towards one thing only: a gold medal in Seoul. We will soon find out.

Notwithstanding her slow Gateshead performance, she is confident that there is another 10.49sec in the bank. "I feel I can run that time again," she said. "I feel my body can do it. And usually I'm better in a four-round situation, so I'm looking forward to Seoul."

Jackson masters the track circus

By Peter Nichols

There were moments at the Dairy Crest Games at Gateshead yesterday when only the sawdust was missing, so prevalent were the other elements of the circus: the costumes of Florence Griffith Joyner; the outrageous leotard of Linford Christie; and the constant interruptions of the worst-tuned fanfare north of Watford.

However, when Colin Jackson stepped on to the track in mid-afternoon, it all changed. On Thursday, in Italy, Jackson, aged 21, had broken the European 110 metres hurdles record with a time of 13.11sec. There, he had 6,050 feet of altitude and a tail wind of 1.99 metres per second to assist him.

In Gateshead, there was no altitude and a headwind, yet Jackson cruised to a 13.36sec victory over Tonie Campbell, the American Olympic hope, and also beat Britain's world championship silver medal-winner, Jon Ridgeon.

It was further emphasis, if needed, that in Seoul Jackson may be our best hope. "It's looking good for a medal in Seoul," said Jackson. "Only Kingdom of the top Americans has beaten me and he's beatable because he's not brilliant technically."

Jackson's own technique has come on apace. A bronze medal in last year's world championships, the Cardiff athlete had pencilled in his diary in January the time he expected to run this summer — 13.15sec. That he has already surpassed this is due to a superb hurdling technique: each barrier cleared by the minimum amount and the lead leg driven down fast and firm.

It was also serious business for Fatima Whitbread, the javelin world champion. She returned to competition with a 66.90-metre victory against what is best described as a moderate field. Injured since the England v United States match on June 25, she is still a huge distance off what will be needed in Seoul and the training load, she admits, is proving difficult to carry.

Whitbread, however, is an optimist. "You need only one throw in the Olympics," she said. "Anything can happen, especially when you least expect it." That said, brilliant performances usually come off a plateau of good ones and Whitbread is still far too close to the plains.

Joyner and Ed Moses were not expected to do anything outrageous in terms of their racing, and Moses in a tutu was never on the cards. They were wheeled out, like guests on *Wogan*, for people to applaud their presence. Joyner comfortably eclipsed a primarily domestic 100 metres field in 11.54sec, more than one second outside her world record, and Moses peeled yet another fast 400 metres hurdles, 48.67sec.

Christie won a slow 100 metres in 10.85sec, probably hampered by the glaring custard coloured outfit he was wearing. It appears likely that it also disturbed John Regis and Mike McFarlane.

Almost before the stadium had started to fill up, shot-putter Judy Oakes broke the only record of the meeting. For the third time this summer and, it appeared almost in celebration of her recent pay rise, she broke her own British record with a putt of 19.36 metres. In what is probably her last season, she is going out with several bangs.

It is also likely to be the swansong summer for Dave Moorcroft, the former world record-holder at 5,000 metres. He best summed up the atmosphere at the meeting — a three-way international between Great Britain, Hungary and an International Select team — when he described it as "a perfect event for those on the way up or the way out".

At 35 years old, Moorcroft comes into the latter category. He did not want to be definitive about the farewells: "I don't want to say I've retired, then come back like other people do. I just want to drift away." But his victory in the 3,000 metres in 8min 04.48sec, outsprinting local favourite Geoff Turnbull, would be a fitting exit.

END COLUMN

Moscow run that breaks barriers

By John Peake

I was one of 6,000 starters, 1,000 of them from abroad, for the eighth Moscow Marathon on Saturday. The Red Army Band played the runners out of the Lenin Stadium, the streets familiar from the 1980 Olympic Games, and the now customary trappings of marathons everywhere — the crowds, the feeding stations and the T-shirts — were all in place. But Moscow was different.

For the London Marathon, registration, which takes place in marquees in the grounds of County Hall, can be an ordeal. Despite queues elsewhere in Moscow, the longest queue to register for the marathon was for T-shirts. One vendor was undercutting by half the other T-shirt seller at the opposite end of the corridor.

Western kit was in heavy demand. Soviets are willing to pay the remarkable sum of 10 roubles, about £96, for an old pair of western running shoes. Whether or not they fitted seemed irrelevant.

While it is inconceivable that the London Marathon should start anything other than punctually, the Moscow Marathon began two minutes early. The route follows the winding course of the Moskva river, past the walls of the Kremlin, then across the river, past the British Embassy, a strikingly graceful building on the embankment, and back to the Lenin Stadium.

Good support from British Embassy

As in London, the route took in the more famous tourist sites. For London's Cutty Sark, the Tower of London and Westminster, in Moscow, read the Kremlin, St Basil's Cathedral and Gorky Park.

The support as we passed the British Embassy was particularly good — though the cause of *détente* could have been furthered no end by a British-run watering station outside.

The best support of all came as we ran through Gorky Park. Muscovites, who had gathered in the 80-degree heat and bright sunshine, took a break from the big wheel and fairground stalls to cox us through. Rhythmic clapping, rather than cheering, was how the Soviets encourage the participants on to their new personal best.

The differences in the sizes of the fields — 22,000 runners in London compared to just a quarter as many in Moscow — make comparisons about the organization of the two races difficult. The disadvantages of the Moscow Marathon reflect the fears and suspicions in official Soviet attitudes more than anything else.

Foreign athletes were bussed to the start and had to change on those buses. Soviet runners changed in the sports complex. Foreign runners were given free drinks and food in a hall in the complex. Soviet athletes were not admitted (maybe they were simply not told).

Simple fare offered at feeding stations

Once into the marathon, no such barriers existed as fellow runners, officials and helpers, usually the military, all worked together. The chief problem at the finish was to fend off the prospective purchasers for your running shoes or watch.

In London, each finisher gets a medal; in Moscow, they get a T-shirt presented by World Runners, a charitable organization which jointly sponsored the marathon with the Soviet authorities.

Moscow's feeding stations offered simple fare. Runners had a choice of water, cold tea and brown bread to be dipped in salt. London could learn from the positioning of the stations on both sides of the route. There was thus no need for the suicidal dash across, or in front of, other runners to get some refreshment.

One thing that stays in the memory is the standard of kit worn by the Soviets. Most vests would have been more at home at a jumble sale. The shoes were almost all plimsolls with with little in the way of cushioning.

Running socks do not seem to merit attention, as most Soviet athletes seemed to be running in their normal working socks.

But that did not seem to matter. Despite the heat, and the unsophisticated racewear, the Soviet runners ran and finished.

● *John Peake is a solicitor from Bristol. He completed the Moscow Marathon in a personal best time of 3hr 10min.*

Late goal deprives Britain of victory

From Sydney Friskin
Amsterdam

Netherlands	2
Great Britain	2

Great Britain had victory snatched from their grasp by The Netherlands, who won the BMW Trophy here yesterday after an exciting draw, but they would still have won it on goal difference even if they had lost.

Barely two minutes remained when Hidde Kruize scooped the ball into the net, from a scramble which followed a short corner, to save the Dutch from defeat, but the goal was disputed by some of the British Press and David Whitaker, the British coach, himself thought there was a suspicion of offside.

If Britain had beaten the Dutch their morale for the Olympic Games, now barely a month away, would have been lifted: but there is still a chance to achieve such a purpose in the Lada Classic at Luton next weekend when the Netherlands, Spain and Kenya will provide the opposition.

The pattern of Britain's play was set early by the wing forwards, Batchelor and Sherwani, who harried and tormented the Dutch defence. Barely four minutes from the start Sherwani, well into his stride from Leman's pass, was brought down inside the circle by Crucq. The outcome was a penalty stroke for Britain and Potter converted.

In the 20th minute, the Dutch machine began to function more smoothly and a run on the left started by van den Honert ended in Kruize scoring off a pass from Parlevliet. Three minutes into the second half Britain went ahead again. Clift caused the Dutch goalkeeper to miskick and Sherwani back-passed for Kerly to score his fourth goal of the tournament.

The Netherlands feverishly searched for the equaliser, which eluded them twice when both Kruize and van den Hornert misfired in front of goal. Eventually, with time ticking away, the Dutch forced a short corner and, after Taylor had saved the initial effort, a scramble followed from which Kruize managed to save the day for the Dutch.

In Saturday's 3-2 victory over Canada, Chohan gave Canada an eighth minute lead which was cancelled out, by Kerly, only a minute before half time. Kerly and Batchelor then put Britain 3-1 ahead in the second half but two minutes before the end Chohan scored Canada's second goal.

NETHERLANDS: F Leistra, R Klaassen, H Kooijman, M Crucq, F Bovelander, J Brinkman, M Delissen, C J Diepeveen (Capt), E Parlevliet, J H Kruize, T van den Hornert.

GREAT BRITAIN: I Taylor; D Faulkner, P Barber, R Garcia, R Dodds (Capt), J Potter, S Batchelor (sub: K S Bhaura), R Leman, S Kerly, R Clift, I Sherwani.

Umpires: S Deo (Spain), A de Vecchi (Italy).

RESULTS: Men: Canada 2, Great Britain 3; Soviet Union 3, Spain 1; Netherlands 2, Great Britain 2. Final Placings: 1, Netherlands, 7pts; 2, Great Britain, 5; 3, Soviet Union, 4; 4, Spain, 4; 5, Canada, 0.

Britain are runners-up

Great Britain made their best showing yesterday when they drew 3-3 with champions, The Netherlands, in the last match of the BMW Trophy women's hockey tournament in Amsterdam and ended second with the United States third and Spain fourth (Joyce Whitehead writes).

Lisanne Lejeune scored first for The Netherlands in the fourth minute before Moira McLeod equalized and Mary Nevill gave Britain a 2-1 lead in the eleventh minute. The game was hard and fast and Ingrid Wolff and Lejeune each scored before half-time.

It looked then as though Britain might be beaten by the speed of stick work and interceptions of the Dutch but Vickey Dixon successfully covered the goalkeeper, Julie Cook, on several occasions and Kate Parker scored the equaliser in the 47th minute after Moira McLeod had shot from a penalty corner.

GREAT BRITAIN: G Atkins, G Brown, K Brown, M Nevill, J Cook, V Dixon, B Hambly (capt), V McBride, M McLeod, K Parker, A Ramsay. Subs: J Sixsmith, W Fraser.

THE NETHERLANDS: D de Beus, L Willemse, M Bolhuis (capt), L Lejeune, C Benninga, I Wolff, M van Doorn, S von Weiler, A van Manen, H van der Ben, A Nieuwenhuizen. Subs: A Fokke, N Holsboer.

RESULTS: Great Britain 1, Spain 0; Netherlands 4, USSR 2. Yesterday: USSR 4, Spain 1; Great Britain 3, Netherlands 3.

De Savary is forced to change plan

By Malcolm McKeag

Peter de Savary will not, after all, fly his radical foiler, Blue Arrow, to San Diego in time for this year's America's Cup. The boat was scheduled to be flown out at the end of this week, but the boss of the British challenge has apparently been told by both Fay and Conner that Blue Arrow's presence will only clutter the picture.

De Savary had hoped to arrange an exhibition match with Dennis Conner once the cup competition was over, but the latest development fits the line that San Diego have taken all along over Fay's maverick challenge. They want it out of the way as quickly, and with as little fuss, as possible.

It is now suggested Blue Arrow will be given more testing at Falmouth, her structure strengthened where neccessary and then brought to the world Speed Sailing regatta, organized at Portland in October by the RYA.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Fox keeps K1 trophy

Melvyn Jones, of Birmingham, won the final leg of the K1 Europa Cup but Richard Fox retained his title by finishing second in front of Manuel Brissaud, of France, in Nottingham, his home town, yesterday. Miriam Jerusalmi, of France, deprived Liz Sharman of the women's kayak title, winning comfortably. The United States domination of Canadian singles continued, though Jed Prentice was only 0.18sec behind John Lugbill. Hemmer and Loose, of West Germany, won the C2 event easily.

Runner dies

Sierra Leone will have no competitor in the Olympics 5,000 metres race at Seoul. Their main prospect, Gibrilla Bangura, a young policeman whose age was not given, collapsed near the finishing line during last Thursday's trials and efforts to revive him failed. The only other two competitors in the race had retired. An official of the Sierra Leone National Olympics Committee described Bangura as a "dedicated athlete."



McGimpsey: off to Sweden

Select result

Garth McGimpsey, from Bangor, and Ioghan O'Connell (Tipperary) celebrated their selection for the four-man Britain and Ireland team that competes for the Eisenhower Cup world championship in Sweden next month by qualifying for the match-play stages of the Irish Amateur closed championship at Royal Portrush yesterday.

Roche upset

Stephen Roche, winner of the 1987 Tour de France, and a contestant in the Kellogg's Tour of Britain which concluded yesterday, wants to move from his Spanish team Fagor before his contract ends. Roche explained: "Finishing off one more year with Fagor would leave me with ulcers.

For six months I've been involved in court cases over stupid and childish things. I couldn't sleep because of it. I know Fagor want to keep me, but I cannot live like this any more. Some people say I'm a troublemaker, but five of my teammates are planning court action against them."

Drug test results leave confusion

There seems, perhaps not surprisingly, to be some confusion over the results of drug tests in the two most recent big athletics meetings in the United States, the national championships in Florida in June, and the Olympic trials in Indianapolis in July (Pat Butcher writes).

Despite sprint times which might have supposed that some athletes in the Olympic trials were on rocket fuel, according to a report over the weekend what was used was nothing much stronger than herbal tea.

Dr Robert Voy, the medical officer for the United States Olympic Committee, and the man who has strongly criticized the levels of drug-taking among American athletes in the past, said that all the drug tests at the trials revealed was "the purposeless use of herbal teas, and over-the-counter remedies".

That contrasted strongly with reports following the The Athletics Congress (TAC) championships which indicated that up to a dozen athletes had already tested positive. And Benny Wagner, Olympic team coach, even went so far as to say: "We will not announce who has been taken off the team. This is for legal reasons. The people concerned will simply be replaced."

This latest report admits that some of the over-the-counter remedies contained ephedrine, which is on the list of drugs proscribed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation. Since they are present in common cold cures and are not any great help to athletic performance in small quantities, if the athlete declares them beforehand to the authorities at a meeting, nothing will be done, and it seems that this was the case in Indianapolis.

This, however, all contributes to the confusion about the use of drugs in athletics in the United States, which is believed to be widespread. There were very strong rumours about the 1987 TAC championships, where it is believed that up to a dozen athletes tested positive for proscribed drugs.